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» **Japanese couple latest victims of theft at Ladder Beach**

Police officer Jason Tarkong confirmed yesterday that a theft incident happened at Ladder Beach but he declined to provide more details.

Sources at the Department of Public Safety disclosed that the Japanese couple were sightseeing when their valuables and other items were stolen from their car.

Sources said there was no damage to the vehicle but could not provide more details of how the theft occurred and

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Alcantara and Guiao rule Sengebau poetry contest

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Hopwood Jr. High School's Mikhail Alcantara and Saipan Southern High School's Lallane Guiao were hailed champions in the 2011 Valentine N. Sengebau Poetry Competition held at the American Memorial Park Visitors Center Theater Tuesday night.

Alcantara, a Spelling Bee champion and award-winning thespian, bested 11 other entries in the Junior Division with his reading of Sengebau's poem *Man and Life*. This was his first time to join the competition.

Contestants in the Junior Division were asked to read any of Sengebau's poems from *Microchild*, an anthology

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Lallane Guiao of Saipan Southern High School and Mikhail Alcantara of Hopwood Jr. High School hold their perpetual plaques after winning the 2011 Valentine N. Sengebau Poetry Competition held at the American Memorial Park Visitors Center Theater on Tuesday.

'Stop giving foreign workers false hope'

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Demapan

While the advise of former general attorney for Immigration and Naturalization Services Loida Nicolas Lewis rekindled the fading hopes of hundreds of jobless foreign workers in the CNMI, the Fitial administration was quick to put a damper on their celebration.

In an email to *Saipan Tribune*, press secretary Angel Demapan tried to temper the renewed optimism of foreign workers who are about to lose their status on Nov. 27, 2011, saying that workers should distinguish the underlying difference between a

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Horizon Lines to stop Guam services

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Horizon Lines Inc., a leading domestic ocean shipping and integrated logistics company in the U.S., announced Monday that it will discontinue its Five Star Express container shipping services between the U.S. West Coast, Guam, and China.

The Five Star Express or FSX service, which offers rapid eastbound transit between Ningbo and

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Local

HR wants immediate drug test for House members

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Rep. Teresita A. Santos (Ind-Saipan) is set to file a resolution urging all House of Representatives members to submit to a drug test.

Santos' resolution comes in the wake of Rep. Raymond D. Palacios' (Cov-Saipan) own admission to the media that he might have used drugs or might have gotten drugs for a family member in the past.

The still unnumbered House resolution calls for each member to submit to a drug test within 20 days and to "provide a copy of their drug test results, immediately upon receipt, to the [House] Speaker."

Santos said the drug test will go a long way toward restoring the public's confidence in their elected leaders and align lawmakers with constituents who are obliged to submit to a drug test prior to employment.

The resolution also read that "our elected leaders must be held to a higher standard and must be accountable for their contribution to the performance of the Legislature…and are looked upon as role models and should lead by example."

The Senate already has a "Senate Fit For Work For Policy." It calls for senators to submit themselves to a drug test within 90 days after the second Monday in January following a general election year.

When asked for comments about Palacios' alleged admission of past drug use, press secretary Angel Demapan said it is the administration's understanding that House Speaker Eli D. Cabrera (R-Saipan) will be convening a special committee on ethics to look into the matter.

"The special committee should be afforded the opportunity to conduct a prudent and thorough investigation of this matter. A public office is a public trust, therefore it is tremendously important to ensure that public servants uphold the highest standards and principles in order to govern and effectuate public policy for the common good of the people," said Demapan.

Rep. Stanley M. Torres (Ind-Saipan), the author of a bill that seeks to legalize marijuana use for medicinal purpose in the CNMI, has himself come out in full support of drug testing.

"I've been doing that [drug testing] since the 12th Congress. I've been doing that every term voluntarily even before any challenge," he said.

Torres does not advocate random testing as what other House member are suggesting; he wants all House members covered.

Rep. Ramon A. Tebuteb (R-Saipan) said he supports Santos' call. "I think that would be very good and I am 100 percent in support of that resolution. That's only appropriate," he said.

Cabrera has already beaten his fellow lawmakers to the punch, submitting to a drug test at the Diagnostic Laboratory Services yesterday morning. He said the test costs $52. Santos herself promised to undergo her own drug test today.

Great array of prizes await lucky winners at Club 200

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Lots of great prizes and fun activities are in store at the 23rd Annual American Red Cross Club 200 slated for Saturday at the Fiesta Resort and Spa in Garapan.

John Hirsh, American Red Cross NMI Chapter executive director, said that besides the $15,000 cash prize donated by Bank of Guam and the 2011 Ford Fiesta donated by the Joeten Charitable Foundations, there are a number of major prizes up for grabs for their biggest annual fundraising event.

"Although corporate donations have fallen off a little bit this year due to our economic conditions, our ticket sales and in-kind donations are as strong as it's ever been," Hirsh told *Saipan Tribune*.

Hirsh said major prizes include 14 airline tickets donated by airline companies. Delta Air Lines donated two round-trip tickets to anywhere in the U.S. mainland and four round-trip tickets to Japan. Fly Guam contributed two round-trip tickets to Guam and another two to Hong Kong. Continental Airlines donated four round-trip tickets to anywhere in Asia where they have flights.

This year's raffle draw will also give away a year's worth of gasoline courtesy of Mobil. IT&E and Docomo Pacific also donated cellular phone packages, which will be raffled off at the event.

Ticket buyers for this year's Club 200 can also check in at the Fiesta Resort and Spa on the night of the event and avail of the hotel's affordable $70 room rate.

Club 200 tickets cost $100 each.

Saturday's event, Hirsh said, will feature live entertainment from local bands Afetnas Regime and Latte Vibes. DJ Jojo Camacho, who is now based in Guam, will fly to Saipan for the Club 200.

Hirsh added that they will hold a limbo and regular dance contests as well as a costume contest based on this year's theme, "Fantasy Island."

With only a few days before the much-awaited fundraising event, Hirsh said they expect a surge in their ticket sales despite the recession that's affecting the entire community.

"Part of it is that people trust the Red Cross and they think what we do is good. That's the bottom line," he said.

To buy tickets or for more information, call 234-3459.

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CUC paid $169K in fees, fines since 2009

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In the past three years, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has paid a total of $169,000 in fees and fines for failure to meet the deadlines of the stipulated order requirements set by the federal court.

CUC chief financial officer Charles Warren told *Saipan Tribune* that the total amount represents two specific payments in 2010: $29,000 in January 2010 and $140,000 in July 2010.

"The amounts assessed were for missing specific deadlines on stipulated order deliverables. I believe CUC is now meeting the expectations of the federal court. However, if CUC fails in some area in the future, more fines would be expected," he said yesterday.

Warren said that there have been no other assessments or penalties since then.

Saipan Tribune learned that the $29,000 penalty was for failure to bring CUC's five power plants and oil transfer pipeline into compliance, specifically for failing to submit a satisfactory facility response plan.

A response plan is required of facilities that store over one million gallons of oil and have the potential to cause significant and substantial harm to the environment. The plans must document that a facility has the necessary resources and equipment to respond to a worst-case discharge, such as those that may be caused by typhoons and earthquakes. The plan also requires the facility to conduct drills, exercises, and training to ensure prompt and effective response to small, medium and large oil spills.

The $140,000 fine was for failing to submit a plan for reorganizing CUC to bring its wastewater plants, collection systems, and public drinking water systems into compliance.

The stipulated orders, signed in March 2009, represent the agreement between the CNMI and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on what CUC needs to do to meet the requirements of the Clean Air Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

3 rob suspects fall after victim chased getaway car

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Three men who allegedly robbed a man at knifepoint outside Town House in Chalan Kanoa early Sunday morning were soon arrested after the victim chased them and called police.

Police said that Shane Ada, the first one arrested shortly after the robbery, confessed his participation in the crime and identified his companions as Michael Jordan Cabrera, 22, and Franklin Jess Atalig, 20.

Police served Cabrera with the arrest warrant yesterday in Dandan and Atalig on Monday in As Lito. They were charged with robbery, assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

Cabrera and Atalig were taken to the Superior Court for a bail hearing yesterday and on Tuesday. There was no information about Ada's bail hearing.

Bail was set at $50,000 cash each for both Cabrera and Atalig. Preliminary hearing will be on Nov. 3 at 9am.

The victim told police that he had parked his vehicle outside Town House at 1:15am when the two suspects got into his car, one in the front passenger seat and the other in the backseat. The one in the backseat choked him while the second pointed the knife at his chest. The suspect holding the knife took the victim's wallet that contained $107.

The two then got off, ran to a car that was parked by the beachside of Aquarius Beach Tower, and drove off.

The victim followed the car—a silver sedan with license plate ADD 861—while at the same time reporting their location to a police dispatcher. He then saw the car drop off the two suspects by Ador Restaurant in San Antonio.

Around that time, police officer Stanley Patris was directed to intercept two vehicles heading south on Beach Road in Chalan Piao. One vehicle was reportedly transporting the robbery suspects, while the other vehicle—a white 2007 Yaris—was being drive by the victim, a Chinese national.

Patris spotted the two vehicles in Koblerville and pulled them over by the former Classic Design Store along Martinez Road. Ada was arrested and the car was impounded.

Detective Catherine B. Pangelinan stated in her report that while going through the vehicle, a crime scene technician found a long kitchen knife with a black handle between the front passenger seat and the center console of Ada's car. When shown the knife, the victim identified it as the weapon used in the robbery.

Pangelinan said that Ada confessed Monday to planning the robbery with Cabrera and Atalig.

When shown a photo line up, Pangelinan said that the victim identified Cabrera and Atalig as the two who robbed him.

The detective said the victim stated that it was Cabrera who was armed with the knife and took his wallet, while Atalig was the one who choked him from behind.

Former RHS valedictorian files appeal with CNMI Scholarship

Katelyn Alpino, last school year's Rota High School valedictorian, has appealed to the CNMI Scholarship Office board for a recalculation of her grades in the hopes that she can be granted financial assistance this semester.

Alpino's appeal was received by the board early this month and was immediately acknowledged and granted, according to scholarship administrator Jackie Che.

"The board acknowledged and granted Ms. Alpino's appeal letter asking [for a] recalculation of her grade. The board is currently working with the Public School System on that matter," said Che Tuesday, refusing to disclose more information pending the board's decision.

Although the process may be a bit slow, she assured that the board is acting on the matter. "It's slowly going…but it's moving forward," she said.

Che could not say as to when the board will come up with a decision.

Alpino is enrolled in a pre-medicine course at Philadelphia University. She was denied the Honor Scholarship awards this semester after getting a lower grade, based on the Scholarship Office calculation. Alpino's two other classmates—the class salutatorian and the third honor student—both got higher GPAs than Alpino, based on the Scholarship Office's calculation. ***(Moneth Deposa)***

HORIZON

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Shanghai in China and Los Angeles and Oakland in the U.S. West Coast, was launched in December 2010 after the long-term space charter agreement between Horizon Lines and Maersk Line expired.

The westbound leg of the FSX service provides transit between the U.S. West Coast, Guam, Micronesia, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

Horizon Lines pointed out, though, that the discontinuation of the FSX Guam and China services will not impact its domestic ocean services in Alaska, Hawaii, or Puerto Rico.

Calls made to the Horizon Lines office on Saipan were referred to the Guam office but calls were not immediately returned.

Stephen H. Fraser, Horizon Lines president and chief executive officer, said in a statement that the decision was "a very difficult" one to make in view of the contributions that have been made by their associates, workers, and vendor partners "who have worked so hard to make the FSX service a success."

"Our decision to exit this highly volatile market will allow Horizon to focus on our core domestic ocean shipping services, and provide the opportunity to produce a more profitable and stable financial performance over time," said Fraser.

While the FSX service met volume and vessel use projections, eastbound freight rates from China to the U.S. have fallen more than 37 percent in the last 12 months, posting a record low since the worldwide recession of 2008-2009. Additionally, average price of bunker fuel has climbed more than 40 percent since the FSX service was launched.

With the further delay in the expected infrastructure-driven cargo growth in Guam caused by U.S. and Japan budget crises and revised Japanese priorities after the earthquake and tsunami devastation in March, Guam trade is "no longer financially viable for Horizon Lines."

Brian Taylor, Horizon Lines executive vice president and chief operating officer, said they do not expect any measurable improvements in fuel prices or the freight-rate environment for the foreseeable future, making the discontinuation of the FSX service "the appropriate decision for the company."

"It will allow us to focus all of our resources on serving customers in the very solid domestic ocean markets in Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico," added Taylor.

Horizon Lines said it will work aggressively to mitigate any supply chain disruptions for its customers and implement an orderly transition plan starting Oct. 31.

The FSX service from China is scheduled to have its last voyage depart Shanghai on Nov. 2. Suspension of ocean services to Guam and surrounding islands will be effective on Nov. 10, the schedule of last sailing from the U.S. West Coast.

In a statement yesterday, Guam Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo expressed disappointment with the decision of Horizon Lines to discontinue its Guam services.

"At a time when our economy can least afford it, this announcement by Horizon is an unintended consequence of delaying the military buildup on Guam," said Bordallo. "Uncertainty created by the Senate provisions and cuts to military construction do not give businesses and investors confidence to incur further risks. So many jobs depend on a known schedule and pace for the military buildup."

Matson Navigation Co., another leading ocean transportation services company that services Guam and the CNMI, assured the island communities that it has the available capacity to absorb increased demand for cargo in the wake of the announcement of Horizon Lines to discontinue its FSX service.

David Hoppes, senior vice president for ocean services, said in a statement that Matson has been serving Guam since 1996 and remains firmly committed to delivering reliable vessel schedules for the region's business community.

ALCANTARA

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of poems written by the Palauan poet who spent the last 25 years of his life on Saipan.

In an interview after the event, Alcantara said his victory came as a surprise since he only had a few days to study his piece after the school found out about the competition on Friday.

"Basically, when I was flipping through all the poems in the anthology, I was able to spot *Man and Life* and I was able to see the message and to me, it was a very inspiring message: that we should take care of our Mother Earth because it's where we live and we need to help each other," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Alcantara's mother and coach, Joy, said that she couldn't believe it when she heard the organizers name her son the winner. "That's his first time to join a poetry contest. I'm very proud," said Joy, who was at the event with husband Jerry and daughter Jan Kimberly.

Meanwhile, Saipan Southern High's Guiao outshone 15 other entries in the Senior Division for her own composition called *Survive*. She said this is her third time to join and win the competition. She placed second in last year's contest and won first place when she was in 8th grade.

Guiao, who is one-quarter Chamorro, said her poem talks about her desire for the local culture to survive. "It really is important to emphasize the importance of culture in our society since it is gradually fading," she said.

Guiao's father, Hilario, was a proud dad. "I'm very happy and proud of my daughter. I've always been proud of her. I hope she continues reaching for her dreams," he added.

The NMI Council for the Humanities, which organized the event, awarded perpetual plaques to the two champions.

The annual event, now on its eighth year, aims to commemorate the legacy of Micronesia's foremost poet and to support the work of young poets on the islands.

Other winners for the Junior Division were Calvary Christian Academy's Minna Ito, second place; Chacha Ocean View Jr. High School's Christine Kaipat, third place; Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Junior High School's Thomas Manglona II, first honorable mention; and Marianas Baptist Academy's Yuuki Nishida, third honorable mention.

For the Senior Division, other winners were Mount Carmel School's Anastasia Schweiger and Jimin Ryu, second place; Kagman High School's Elloise Lotoc, third place; Grace Christian Academy's Lauren Hofschneider, first honorable mention; and Tinian High School's Chloe Hofschneider, second honorable mention.

This year's judges were Catherine Rosario Perry, Galvin Deleon Guerrero, Robert H. Hunter, Katharyn Tuten-Puckett, and Leo Goode Jr.

Humanities Council program officer Merced Ada said that contestants for the Junior division were judged based on their introduction of Sengebau's poem, which includes why they chose it, its meaning, and how it relates to their own lives; and the recital part, which includes eye contact, body language, voice quality, clarity of language, and overall impact.

For the Senior Division, Ada said that contestants were judged based on their poems' ideas, poetic language, and imagery and on the recital part.

"Turnout was really great because we had more schools represented this year. We're hoping to do it every October as part of Humanities Month celebration," said Ada.

Council executive director Scott Russell said he was very impressed with the level of performance of all contestants.

"My hat is off to them for taking the time and putting in the intellectual thought and effort to create original works of literary art," Russell said.

CRIME

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what items were stolen.

DPS is expected to release more information to the media about the incident today, Thursday.

Last Oct. 19, a car rented by a Norwegian tourist was burglarized at Ladder Beach.

Saipan Tribune learned that the tourist had left his rented car at the parking lot to descend the stairs at Ladder Beach and go sightseeing. When the tourist went back to the car, he found that some of his valuables had been stolen.

DPS has yet to release information about the case to the media.

A day prior to the Ladder Beach burglary, an unidentified man robbed an elderly Japanese couple who were playing golf at the Marianas Country Club in Marpi.

Last Oct. 10, an unidentified man robbed a 51-year-old local female who was playing golf at Coral Ocean Point with her daughter.

Last Oct. 11, an unidentified man armed with a screwdriver robbed a Russian female tourist and drove off with her rented car at Suicide Cliff in Marpi. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

WORKERS

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matter of law and a matter of personal opinion.

"While the Fitial administration opposed federalization of the CNMI's immigration and does not necessarily agree with the final CW rule in its entirety, the fact of the matter is it happened. We all can have a speaking engagement and offer our own personal opinion. But it's time to be realistic. Giving workers false hope is not doing them any justice at all. The best thing to do now is to be law-abiding citizens," he said.

Demapan said that U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services has undertaken a major effort to reach out to employers and guest workers and that "Ms. Lewis should not add more confusion [to what] already exists."

He said in the early stages of federalization, some people—and even some attorneys—organized all kinds of rallies for nonresidents and gave them false hope that they would get the status they dreamed of.

"And now that the final rule is out, most of those rally organizers and attorneys seemed to have 'vanished.' We know this because many guest workers have approached the administration to express their frustration about people giving them false hopes and misleading information. The administration knew then, as it knows now, that all those worker rallies and motorcades were just an exercise in futility, but the workers were given false hopes by certain U.S. citizens that portrayed themselves as the 'saving grace of guest workers.' Where are they now? They are not talking anymore. They are not standing out there with the workers that they misled," said Demapan.

"Now, the final rule is out. The administration does not agree that foreigners should continue believing in the personal opinion of people. The most responsible thing to do is to follow the laws and policies that are in place. It's as simple as that," he said.

Encouraging words

For her part, human rights advocate and former Rota teacher Wendy Doromal said the words of Lewis are encouraging.

"As the cause gains support and attention from established U.S. immigration advocates, human rights organizations, and immigrant rights groups, it will be more difficult to ignore the plight of the legal, long-term foreign workers of the CNMI. I am reaching out now to human rights and pro-immigrant groups, both large and small for support," she said in an email to the *Saipan Tribune*.

Doromal added that it is important that foreign workers understand their rights and to know where they can seek legal assistance in the coming weeks and months "and I am glad that attorney Lewis is showing an interest."

"If millions of Americans and progressive members of the U.S. Congress back a pathway to citizenship for the 11 million undocumented aliens in the U.S. what more for a mere 13,000 to 16,000 legal long-term foreign workers in the CNMI? I will continue to work for a bill to provide a permanent status with a pathway to citizenship for all of the legal, long-term foreign workers," she said.

Lewis, chair of the U.S. Pinoys for Good Governance, and has written books on U.S. immigration law, has found an unlikely ally in Rep. Stanley M. Torres (Ind-Saipan), who agrees that jobless foreign workers should not fear deportation from the CNMI after Nov. 27, 2011, without having their case first heard by immigration court.

"That's true. She's accurate. She's been an immigration lawyer. She knows the ins and outs of immigration. People would have to be notified and called in for…and asked why they should not be deported. That's the law. That's due process," he said.

Ulterior motives

Rep. Ramon A. Tebuteb (R-Saipan), meanwhile, said Lewis probably made the comment to gain her some business.

"That's a very creative way of getting clients. Maybe he or she is looking for customers. She's saying that there will be no mass deportation but we already know that. Let's just stick to what is applicable to the law and not give hypothetical hopes," he said in a phone call.

He said just like when the Department of Labor issued umbrella permits in 2009, which he and Rep. Ray Yumul (Rep-Saipan) were opposed to, Lewis' advice gives jobless alien workers false hope.

Sorensen Media Group Saipan branch manager Tina Palacios, for her part, said that jobless foreign workers and their families should be allowed to move on with their lives.

"The federal government needs to decide what do with the people. Are we going to send them home or are we going to give them an extension? Stop giving them hope and that's all that they're doing. They're dangling them a carrot," she said.

Palacios said the U.S. has its own immigration problems that they cannot even fix. "What makes them think they can come here and try to fix our immigration problem that they don't even have any clue."

She said the CNMI cannot be a limbo where out-of-status nonresidents will always have to look behind their backs and see if it's okay to stay here or not.

Vigil continues

United Workers Movement-NMI president Rabby Syed said while his group is obviously overjoyed with Lewis' support and advice, they will still continue their 30-day vigil at the USCIS office in Garapan.

"We're very happy. Since the beginning we're optimistic that there will be something. We want to bring our plight to someone's attention and she came up with ideas to help workers. We continue to have discussions on the matter and we still hope that they [jobless aliens] will be protected even after Nov. 27, 2011," he said.

Syed added that UWM-NMI will continue to ask the Department of Homeland Security to issue parole-in-place or extend the umbrella permit deadline to give hundreds of would-be out-of-status aliens an opportunity to find jobs and "fit themselves in the system."

He said the "Occupy USCIS" continues to be success with some 70 people participating in the 30-day vigil Tuesday night.

"The number of participants are growing each day and individuals and companies are [giving] donations. We're asking again for people to join the rally whether they have jobs or not," he said.

Lewis, in an interview with local radio station KWAW Magic 100.3 FM last Tuesday, said that jobless foreign workers should tell an immigration judge their "equities," including having U.S. citizen children—especially if they are in the U.S. Army, U.S. Navy, and other branches of the U.S. military.

These so-called equities also include having a U.S. citizen mother, father, spouses, sisters, brothers; having been a good member of the community and with no criminal record; not receiving welfare; have paid taxes; and have legally stayed in the CNMI for many years.

Clothing firm owner sues Barcinas

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Hopwood Junior High School principal Jonas Barcinas is being sued by a clothing company for alleged defamation.

Robert Bernard C. Travilla, owner of the Salbahe brand, seeks injunctive relief that would prohibit Barcinas from saying anything against the company and its owner.

The company alleges in the lawsuit it filed on Sept. 26 that during an orientation at the school on Sept. 2, Barcinas announced that Salbahe's clothing apparel line will be banned from the campus due to the company owner's alleged gang-related criminal activities.

Represented by attorney Brien Sers Nicolas, the company said that Barcinas' statements are false and are malicious public statements against Salbahe. "[Barcinas] knew or should have known that he had no right or privilege to be making such statements against the plaintiff," states the court papers filed by the complainant.

According to court papers, Barcinas alleged that Travilla is now being investigated by police. Travilla stated that the alleged defamatory statements have harmed his reputation and his business in and outside the Commonwealth.

Travilla seeks unspecified punitive damages plus court costs, including attorney's fees.

The company owner also wants a permanent injunction against Barcinas to restrain him from any further comments about Travilla and his business practices.

Barcinas confirmed the case filed against him and said that the matter is now being handled by assistance attorney general David Lochabay of the Attorney General's Office.

He denied making any defamatory statements against Travilla and his company and told *Saipan Tribune* that he was just discussing with the parents, staff, and students the school's uniform policy.

He revealed that the event took place at the school's cafeteria with more than 500 attendees. Barcinas refused to comment further.

This is the second case filed against Barcinas, with the other one pending in court. The principal was earlier sued for sexual harassment by a school security aide.

2 arrested for allegedly selling Viagra-like pills

Federal agents arrested Tuesday two persons who were allegedly involved in selling Viagra-like pills on Saipan.

Sook Lan Wong and Kwok Kwun Lee were taken to the U.S. District Court for the NMI late Tuesday afternoon for a bail hearing.

The indictment charged Wong and Lee with conspiracy, trafficking in counterfeit goods, introducing misbranded drugs into interstate commerce, and receipt and delivery of misbranded drugs.

Wong appeared in court with his lawyer, Stephen Nutting. Lee appeared without counsel. Nutting told the court that he was making special appearance on behalf of Lee.

The two pleaded not guilty.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona set the jury trial for Dec. 27, 2011 at 9am.

Manglona released the two on a $25,000 unsecured bond each, with some conditions.

According to the indictment filed by assistant U.S. attorney Eric O'Malley, Lee sold 30 bottles containing 30 pills each, of counterfeit Viagra, to undercover agents during a sting operation on Feb. 28, 2011. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

EAGI recommends Calvo's confirmation to CSC

The Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigation recommended yesterday the confirmation of Charles M. Calvo as board member of the Civil Service Commission.

The nomination of Calvo is expected to be approved by the full Senate at its next session next week, according to the commission's executive director, Andrew Orsini.

"They [senators] understand the situation and they need to act quickly," he said, adding that the commission hasn't been able to approve policies, much less hear cases, because of the lack of board members.

Calvo is a longtime staff of the Office of Personnel Management.

Orsini hopes that Gov. Benigno R. Fitial would soon nominate a fifth member to the board so that the commission can fully function.

If Calvo's nomination is approved, he will join current board members Felix R. Fitial, Eric Plinske, and Rita Kakkun.

Fitial is serving as acting chairman following the resignation of erstwhile chair Dan Nielsen.

Like the three current members of the board, Calvo will be representing Saipan. ***(Mark Rabago)***

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250 students to join MTEC/MY WAVE tourism summit today

Over 250 students have expressed interest in making tourism their business by registering for today's MTEC/MY WAVE Tourism Summit.

The collaborative effort of the Marianas Tourism Education Council, school MY WAVE clubs, the Public School System, and the Marianas Visitors Authority aims to educate students more on their role in tourism. Organizers hope the event will also result in the formation of new MY WAVE (Marianas Youth Welcome All Visitors Enthusiastically) clubs.

A full day of activities will be held for students grades 3-12 at the Fiesta Resort & Spa.

Heidi Ballendorf, president of the Guam Tourism Education Council, will be the keynote speaker. Also scheduled to address the group are MVAchair Marian Aldan-Pierce; Dr. Fred Schumann, a professor from the University of Guam School of Business and Public Administration and board member of the Guam Tourism Education Council; and Hopwood Jr. High School MY WAVE club president Mikee Campo.

Benavente

Students will then have the opportunity to demonstrate their understanding of the industry by developing an action plan for the school year aimed at promoting tourism.

"Tourism contributes to the growth and progress of communities; it allows for the exchange of cultures in a global society and helps promote our economy," said Summit chair and Hopwood MY WAVE Club adviser Epi Cabrera, Jr. "As participants of this summit, we must bear in mind our roles to lead our schools and communities toward a direction filled with purpose, equity, and spirit. I hope that our future leaders present at the summit will understand their responsibilities in positively shaping our islands."

The first MY WAVE Tourism summit has held in 2004.

"MTEC is looking forward to meeting with students at the elementary school level this school year and continuing our educational outreach," said Vicky Benavente, MTEC chairwoman. "It's very important to teach these kids while they're teachable, reachable, and listening."

Earlier this year, MTEC and MVA also conducted educational presentations to student leaders and other groups at public and private junior and senior high schools.

"The youth are the future of the tourism industry, and the [MVA] is exceptionally pleased to partner with MTEC and PSS on this week's Tourism Summit," said MVA managing director Perry Tenorio. "These young people are setting an example for the entire community in becoming more than just observers and beneficiaries of tourism, but active and enthusiastic participants in the industry."

MTEC is a nonprofit organization promoting community awareness on the importance of the visitor industry in the Northern Marianas. Membership is open to all business, community groups, and private individuals. ***(MVA)***

Ex-convict gets 33 months for 2008 assault of jogger

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REPORTER

A notorious ex-convict who was arrested in 2008 for sexually assaulting and robbing a female jogger in San Jose pleaded guilty yesterday as part of a plea deal that would immediately set him free.

Alfred Obak, 35, pleaded guilty to sexual abuse in the second degree and was sentenced to seven years in prison, all suspended except 33 months and 45 days.

He was credit, however, for the 33 months and 45 days that he has already served in jail, which means that Obak is now a free man again.

Superior Court associate judge David Wiseman placed Obak on probation for 10 years and ordered him to pay a $250 fine and $100 court assessment fee plus probation fee. He was also directed to register as a sex offender.

Wiseman also ordered Obak to pay restitution to the victim.

Obak, a Palauan citizen, agreed not to object to deportation if the U.S. government deems him removable. Obak reportedly has an outstanding arrest warrant in Palau and has numerous prior convictions, mostly for burglary cases in that country.

The Office of the Attorney General had charged Obak with sexual assault in the first degree, robbery, and assault and battery. Obak pleaded guilty to sexual abuse in the second degree. The remaining charges were dismissed.

In entering the plea bargain, Chief Prosecutor Michael Ernest said that this will spare the victim from going on the witness stand to testify.

Ernest also pointed out that Obak had been ordered deported "forthwith" from the CNMI by the Superior Court on Nov. 2, 2009.

According to police, the victim was walking south along the Beach Road pathway in San Jose near the Oleai Beach Bar & Grill around 7:10pm on Dec. 12, 2008, when Obak came from behind, pushed her to the ground, and touched her private parts. She fought back by kicking him and screaming.

Obak ran away but the now retired police sergeant Sylvan Rangamar found him at the CUC Pump Station No. 12 where he was arrested. Police said that Obak told the officer that he was drunk and high on marijuana when he committed the crime.

Obak has several criminal convictions on Saipan in 2005 and 2008. He was among a group that burglarized the Little Angels Daycare in Koblerville in 2007 and stole copper wires.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opening Date: Wednesday, October 26, 2011
Closing Date: Wednesday, November 2, 2011

JVA No.	Title	Location	Salary	Positions
11-058	Stipulated Order II Project Coordinator	Saipan	$50,000 to $74,989	One
11-059	Assistant Engineer (Electrical)	Power Plant, Rota	$23,200 to $33,640	One
11-060	Assistant Engineer (Mechanical)	Power Generation, Saipan	$23,200 to $33,640	One
11-061	Trades Technician (Mechanic)	Power Plant, Rota	$17,282 to $25,059	One
11-062	Trades Technician (Mechanic)	Power Generation, Saipan	$17,282 to $25,059	Thirteen
11-063	Trades Technician (Electrical)	Power Generation, Saipan	$17,282 to $25,059	Five
11-064	Trades Technician (Operator)	Power Generation, Saipan	$17,282 to $25,059	Four
11-065	Trades Foreperson (Mechanic)	Power Generation, Saipan	$21,104 to $30,601	One
11-066	Trades Foreperson (Electrical)	Power Generation, Saipan	$21,104 to $30,601	One

For more information on the vacancies, stop by the CUC Human Resource Office or the Tinian or Rota Administration Office.

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Notice of Zoning Board Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Zoning Board will be held on Thursday, November 3, 2011 at 5:00 PM, Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten DanDan Commercial Bldg., Saipan.

A. Preliminary Matters
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of October 6, 2011 minutes
5. Public Comments

B. Public Hearings
1. None

C. Communications/ Reports

D. Old Business
1. None

E. New Business
1. Update on Saipan Zoning Law text amendments
2. Office operations report

F. Executive (Closed) Session

G. Miscellaneous: Other Matters, Announcements, Next Meeting, Adjourn.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact Therese T. Ogumoro, Acting Zoning Administrator, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Zoning Board Chairman

Mendiola is WSR's most outstanding teacher

» Three others recognized for excellence

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William S. Reyes Elementary School educational awardees pose with their school administrators yesterday on campus. From left are vice principal Marji Ann Pangelinan, Support Staff of the Year Delfin Lobao, Teacher Aide of the Year Ray Aguon, Counselor of the Year Rebecca Flores, Teacher of the Year Dorothy Mendiola, and principal Naomi Nishimura.

A third-grade teacher and mother of five was adjudged as this year's William S. Reyes Elementary School's most outstanding educator and was bestowed the prestigious Teacher of the Year award for school year 2011-2012.

Dorothy Mendiola dedicated this recognition to her students whom she said are the ones who really motivates her. Yesterday, Mendiola was seen sharing the good news with her students: "Because of you, I was selected the Teacher of the Year! Thank you! Give me five!"

Mendiola has been with the Public School System for eight years, first joining the Oleai Elementary School in 2001 and working there for five years. After taking two years off, she returned to teaching, this time at WSR. She said the award is her first with PSS.

"It's an awesome feeling! I didn't expect this…and I am very honored. I guess it goes to show that they are recognizing my hard work, they're seeing what we've doing in our classroom and realizing that it's all for our students," she told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday. "Being selected is almost like an eye-opener that helps me to stop and reflect too, that 'wow! I really did a lot of successes for my students.'"

Dorothy's third grade class was among the high performers in both the SAT-10 and SBA tests last school year. That success, she said, is not only evident in test scores but in the overall performance of her students inside and outside classrooms.

Mendiola was part of the PSS Teacher Academy program in high school where she got the chance to observe classrooms in public and private schools. She said she was greatly inspired by her first "students" under the program in 1996.

"I worked with five students in the 'low group' or those below their grade levels. Having to see their struggles just to succeed…they motivated me a lot. That made me decide to go to college and [come] back here and help our kids improve in their academics," she said.

Mendiola also acknowledged the great influence of her mentor, Joan Kani, one of the pioneers of the PSS Teacher Academy program.

This year's Teacher Aide of the Year for WSR is Ray Aguon, who is with the school's Physical Education program. This is his third time to be chosen for the honor.

Aguon joined PSS in 1999 as a teacher aide at Oleai Elementary School, where he got his first recognition in 2002. A year after, he moved to WSR, where he has been recognized twice, in 2009 and this school year.

"It feels good to be recognized and I thank all my colleagues, the administration, for giving me their votes," he said yesterday.

Aguon is pursuing a bachelor's degree at Northern Marianas College to become a classroom teacher. "I hope to see myself in that position in the next four years…I want to better serve our students."

WSR bestowed its Counselor of the Year award on Rebecca J. Flores, who has been with PSS for 21 years. Flores has already been twice recognized as the school's Support Staff of the Year, in 1995 and 2008, when her position was still under the support staff category. In 2009, she was hailed as WSR's Counselor of the Year, during which she also bagged the overall PSS title, besting other counselors in public schools. This year marks her second time to get the award.

Prior to becoming a counselor, Flores was classroom teacher for 11 years, from 1990-2001.

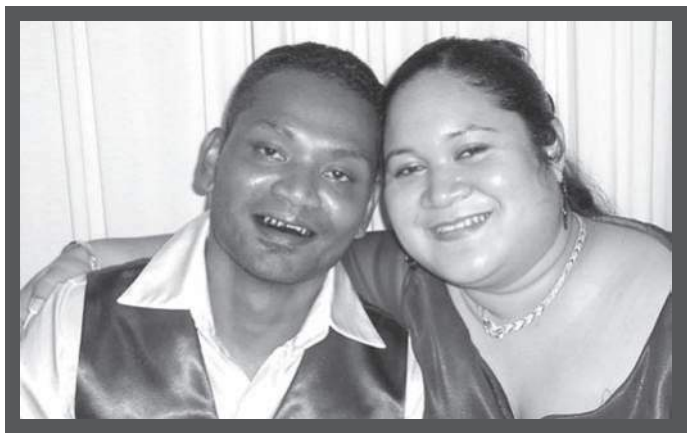
"I am very honored [to get the award] and at the same time, I want to say that anybody who is a counselor deserve to receive the recognition so I am giving it to them because I have seen how they work hard. We have a lot of underrated counselors who serve as the eyes and ears of the schools. They are great leaders too," she said.

As a counselor, Flores said that she has more time to work one-on-one with students. "Not so many people go into counseling and I know that there's a need for counselors because kids need more intensive assistance and help and that can only be given when you are a counselor," she said.

WSR also honored 65-year-old Delfin Lobao as its Support Staff of the Year—his fourth time to be conferred the award since becoming the school's custodian since 1992.

"Working here is like working for your own family. Taking care of its facilities and students is like taking care of your own homes and children. I enjoy going to work every day because I know I will be working with and for my family too," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

According to WSR principal Naomi Nishimura, Education Month is an opportunity to recognize hardworking employees and she described the four awardees as truly deserving individuals. "This is just one way of recognizing their efforts and hard work especially now with the growing challenges. No matter the challenges are, these people get things done. Sometimes it does take time, but they move on things that need to happen for the school and it is not everyday we are able to thank each one of them," she said.



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Happy 4th wedding anniversary to Clinton and Daisy Ngiraked! Our greatest wish for the two of you is that through the years your love for each other will deepen and grow, that years from now you will look back on this day as the day you loved each other the least. Greetings come from your BFF's Bubble Head and Air Head!

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:	]	
JOSE TAIMANAO KING, (Rota Resident)	]	**Civil Action No. 11-0087**
Decedent.	]	

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR DECREE OF FINAL DISTRIBUTION

Date: November 8, 2011
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Judge: Honorable Robert C. Naraja

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE JOSE TAIMANAO KING:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **Berlinda Flawau-Quitano**, Adminstratrix of the Estate of Jose Taimanao King, has filed with the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands a **Petition for Decree of Final Distribution**. The attorney for Administratrix is **Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, whose address is Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950.**

The hearing on the Petition for Final Decree of Distribution has been set for the **8th day of October, 2011 at 1:30 pm**, at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guma' Hustisia, Civic Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing.

Dated this 12th day of October 2011.

Clerk of Court

/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

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1. ID: Passport, Birth Certificate, or Green Card
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3. Tax Forms: Your or your parents' signed 2010 1040 form (2010 W-2 statements if you and/or your parents did not will not file taxes)
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5. Voter Certification (to show you voted in the last election - Contact CNMI Election Comission for more information) - SHEFA requirement.

The Cash for College Workshop is made possible through funds from the U.S. DOE, College Access Challenge Grant.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROVISION OF ARCHITECT AND ENGINEERING SERVICES
RFQ12-GOV-002

702 CIP Project Managers

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos through the Office of Capital Improvement (collectively, "Commonwealth") are soliciting Statements of Qualifications from architect and engineers to provide project manager services for designated federally funded projects.

The Commonwealth has current needs for project manager services and is anticipating additional requirements during part of 2011 and 2012 fiscal year. Specific project assignments are dependent upon needs of the Commonwealth and may include oversight of: project planning; permitting; design; construction activities; and close-out.

Selected architects and engineers ("Project Managers") will be retained as independent contractors under the general supervision of the Contracting Officer or his designee. Project Managers will act as agent of the expenditure authority on assigned capital projects to ensure that identified objectives are achieved within: cost; time; and legal requirements; while maintaining effective stakeholder communications. Selected Project Managers will be retained on a one-year contract with an option to renew for an additional year at discretion of the Commonwealth.

Compensation for project manager services will be determined based on the required project management services for each assigned project. The Commonwealth will negotiate with selected Project Managers to determine the required scope of services for assigned responsibilities. Individuals or firms selected to serve as project managers would be precluded from providing any other services associated with the assigned project.

Interested parties may pick up the applicable scope of work and submittal requirements ("Scope of Work and Submittal Requirements") at the Office of Capital Improvement Program, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, during working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4: 30 p.m. - Monday through Friday, except holidays). Submittal of all qualifications must precisely follow the submittal requirements identified in the Scope of Work and Submittal Requirements. A pre-proposal conference is schedule for this RFQ on October 25, 2011 at 9 a.m. in the CIP Office Conference Room, Capitol Hill. All submitted documents must follow submittal requirements.

Selection of individuals for the provision of services shall be guided by the Commonwealth Department of Finance Division of Procurement& Supply, Procurement Regulations § 7070-30.3-305. Five copies of qualifications should be submitted to the Commonwealth Division of Procurement & Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, MP 96950 in a sealed envelope marked "Project Manager Qualifications RFQ12-GOV-002."

Qualifications must be received prior to 11AM ChST of November 15, 2011 ("Closing Date") from individuals or firms residing within the Commonwealth. Individuals or firms residing outside the Commonwealth may receive an additional five (5) calendar days from the Closing Date for receipt of their qualifications, upon filing a notice of intent to submit qualifications ("Notice of Intent") with the Division of Procurement & Supply by 11AM ChST November 23, 2011.

Notice of Intent may be transmitted in any of the following forms: direct delivery; transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515; or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com; however, the individual or firm transmitting a Notice of Intent bears all risk of proper functioning of equipment. For proposers located outside the CNMI who have filed a Notice of Intent, all required documents must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Services or the official government postal service of the foreign country no later than the Closing Date and must be received no later than five calendar days after the Closing Date.

Statements of Qualifications will be evaluated and scored based on the following factors:
1. Past experience as a project manager – 35%
2. References – 30%
3. Interview – 35%

Interviews will be conducted with the individuals who are determined to have the most appropriate qualifications for the needs of the Commonwealth. Architect and engineering firms may submit qualifications, however, they must identify qualifications of specific individuals who are to be considered for the provision of these services and evaluation of qualifications will be based on the experience, references, and interview of the designated individual.

This project is funded through grants from the United States Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) with local matching funds. Contract award is contingent upon approval from DOI.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interest of the government. All submitted documents shall become the property of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ ELOY S. INOS, Lieutenant Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
Procurement and Supply, DOF

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

ADDENDUM NO. 1

10-25-11
RFQ12-GOV-002
Provisions of Architect and Engineering Services
702 CIP Project Managers

The previously advertised notice, Request for Qualification ("RFQ") for the **"Provisions of Architect and Engineering Services – 702 CIP Project Managers"** has been amended. The specific amendment is to the pre-proposal conference date. Amendment shall read:

Interested parties may pick up the applicable scope of work and submittal requirements ("Scope of Work and Submittal Requirements") at the Office of Capital Improvement Program, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, during working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4: 30 p.m. - Monday through Friday, except holidays). Submittal of all qualifications must precisely follow the submittal requirements identified in the Scope of Work and Submittal Requirements. A pre-proposal conference is schedule for this RFQ on November 3, 2011 at 9 a.m. in the CIP Office Conference Room, Capitol Hill. All submitted documents must follow submittal requirements.

All other elements of the RFQ remain as originally provided. For further information on this project, please contact the Capital Improvement Office, during working hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. – Monday through Friday, except holidays) or by contacting Mr. Carl Castro, Contracting Officer Technical Representative at (670)664-2371 or by fax at (670)664-2408.

Pesticides at home and on your food

Look in your cupboards, under the bathroom or kitchen sink, or how about in your laundry room. Chances are, you'll find a pesticide of one sort or another.

A pesticide is any substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling or mitigating any pest. Many household products are pesticides and can include kitchen, laundry and bath disinfectants, and sanitizers. Products that kill mold and mildew are also considered pesticides.

Safe storage of pesticides

Children may have greater contact with pesticides because they play on floors or in the yard where pesticides are applied.

There can be unpleasant effects from pesticide exposure from mild symptoms, like dizziness and nausea to serious, long-term neurological, developmental and reproductive disorders.

Always store pesticides away from children's reach, in a locked cabinet or garden shed.

Never transfer pesticides to other containers, especially food or drink containers.

Never place rodent or insect baits where children can get to them.

Teach children that "pesticides are poisons"—something they should not touch.

Alert others to the potential hazard of pesticides, including care givers and grandparents.

Tips to avoid the consumption of pesticides

Wash your food. It is a good idea to wash fruits and vegetables with clean water (but not soap!) before they are cooked or eaten.

Peel, if possible. Peeling fruits and vegetables helps reduce the levels of pesticides that may be on the surface.

Trim the fat from meats. Some pesticides collect in animal fat. Before eating meat, trim the fat to help reduce the amount of such pesticides that would be eaten.

Cooking helps. Cooking helps reduce some of the pesticide residues in food that are not removable by washing or peeling.

Eat a varied diet rich in fruits and vegetables. Eating a diet with many different fruits or vegetables prevents us from eating an unbalanced amount of a particular food or the pesticide residues that it may carry.

The DEQ Pesticide Management branch is charged with the responsibility to regulate the importation, sale and distribution of pesticides, legal or illegal to ensure public health and a clean and healthy environment.

Call or visit the Division of Environmental Quality Pesticide Management branch at 664-8512, located along Chalan Pale Arnold at the Gualo Rai Center or visit the DEQ website at www.deq.gov.mp. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 7:30am to 4:30pm. ***(DEQ)***

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Oct. 27, 1999

Govt prepares list of projects for $30M loan
The government is expected to receive within the next few weeks the initial batch of the $30 million loan it has secured from Bank of Guam to finance various infrastructure projects on the island, officials said yesterday. Mike Sablan, special advisor for finance and budget, and Rep. Karl T. Reyes, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, have begun mapping out a plan on how to tap the forthcoming funds as requested by bank officials. "We are working very closely with the Legislature on a drawdown schedule," Sablan told reporters. This plan will include a list of priority projects as well as the amount and release schedule of money necessary to start construction.

CUC orders contractor to open Beach Road to traffic
The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation assures its customers this week that traffic is moving on Beach Road. The community utility is improving environmental protection projects along the scenic drive. According to CUC Executive Director Timothy P. Villagomez, negotiations to ease traffic congestion has been completed. To ensure that customers are now satisfied, utility staff tested the new construction schedule for seven days prior to this release. The utility ordered the contractor to make sure that two lanes of traffic are open at all times during the day. At sunset, workers will be allowed to use one lane of traffic for construction.

Oct. 27, 2000

Feds turn over $12M to CNMI
Office of Insular Affairs Director Danny Aranza yesterday turned over $12 million in federal money to the CNMI as he pledged to tap other available resources to assist the Commonwealth government. A total of $11 million will be channeled for Capital Improvement Projects in Fiscal Year 2001, the appropriation set aside by the Department of the Interior under Covenant funding. The remaining $1 million is the federal government's reimbursement to the Northern Marianas for the cost of hosting the immigrants from Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia and the Marshall Islands.

BoG employee admits embezzling $11,000
A former Bank of Guam employee yesterday pleaded no contest to a bank fraud charge filed by the federal government in the U.S. District Court, waiving an indictment by a grand jury. Genevieve S. DeLeon Guerrero, 24, of Saipan, admitted guilt for misapplying and embezzling $11,045.85 which she took from BoG between May to December last year, according to court documents. District Judge Alex R. Munson set sentencing date on Feb. 6, 2001. Ms. Guerrero is free on bail of $25,000 unsecured bond. But the judge imposed conditions for her temporary freedom, such as securing employment except for jobs in any financial institution or those that will require her to handle money.

Oct. 27, 2003

CUC offers biz opportunities to Japanese investors
Commonwealth Utilities Corp. officials invited Japanese investors to explore business partnerships in utility services in the CNMI during a one-day conference in Tokyo last week. The CUC, through a newly printed Profile Report, informed the Japanese business group mostly about opportunities in water services. Among those who joined the Tokyo trip that was headed by Gov. Juan N. Babauta were CUC board chairman Herman P. Sablan, executive director Lorraine A. Babauta, and board members Laura Manglona and Rufina Miles.

Study: 70 percent of PSS teachers satisfied
About 70 percent of Public School System elementary teachers, majority of them females, expressed satisfaction with their jobs, according to a dissertation made by Northern Marianas College vice president Chas Algaier, Ph.D. Algaier, in his over 100-page study, which he presented to the University of San Diego for his doctorate degree, found that the average or mean level of job satisfaction among public elementary school teachers on Saipan was 70.4 on a scale of zero to 100. However, he said, their levels of satisfaction varied within various factors. Teacher satisfaction scores ranged from a low of 42.9 to a high of 93.2. The low satisfaction had something to do with pay while two motivational factors-responsibility and the work itself-brought the most satisfaction, showing averages of 89.2 and 78.5 among those surveyed.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
DPW/FHWA-12-RFP-001

PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING DESIGN FOR ROUTE 11 IMPROVEMENTS, Phase II, ROTA, Project No.CM-NH-0011(002)

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Department of Public Works (DPW), are soliciting sealed proposals for the Preliminary Engineering Design for Route 11 Improvements, Phase II, on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001, however, Article 7, "Local Business Preference", as amended by Public Law 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, is not available because its use is prohibited by Federal Law granting the funding for this project. Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with **§70-30.3-305** of the regulations.

Prior to being awarded a design contract, the firm or company must have or obtain a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) from the CNMI Board of Professional Licensing, and must have a Resident Engineer or Principal-In-Charge for the contract Information about obtaining a COA may be requested from Ms. Florence C. Sablan, Executive Director, at (670) 234-5897/5898 or fax (670) 234-6040.

For any contract or subcontract related to engineering or design of a construction project funded in whole or in part with Federal-aid Highway funds, the bid or proposal submitted for the contract, is required to show what the indirect cost (overhead cost not associated with any one particular project defined under 48 CFR §31.203) associated with the project are, to state how the indirect cost figure was reached, and to certify (pursuant to Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Order No. 4470.1A that they are allowable costs under 48 CFR §31.2.

The RFP Package and Scope of Work is available on or after **October 20, 201**1 at the Department of Public Works, Office of the Secretary, 2nd Floor, Joeten Commercial Building, Gualo Rai Saipan. A mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Gualo Rai Commercial Building on **November 10, 2011**. Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division, Building 1353, Mednilla Avenue Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 234-3547 no later than 4:30 p.m. local time **November 23, 2011**.

Proposers must submit with their proposal a Project Approach and Schedule of Completion, which details how the work will be accomplished by the consultants, given the time requirements and resources available as identified in their proposals.

Proposers shall also submit a separate statement of qualifications (résumés and experience). The total proposal submitted shall be no more than twenty five (25) pages in length. Note that a firm, which submits a proposal as a prime consultant, cannot submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, only subcontractors may be included in multiple proposals by different consultants.

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Qualifications of the principal(s) and staff assigned to the project – 25%
2. Experience and past performance of the firm(s) on similar type projects – 25%
3. Project Approach – 20%
4. Schedule of Completion – 30%

Sealed proposals must be marked **"DPW/FHWA-12-RFP-001"**. For Proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of proposals must be submitted no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, **November 30, 2011** to the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement & Supply, Lower Base, Saipan. Proposers located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, **November 30, 2011**, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For Proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **November 30, 2011** AND must be received no later than **December 12, 2011**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

These projects are funded in part through a grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation. Contract award is contingent upon funding approval by the Department of Transportation (DOT).

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer(s) awarded a contract for the project, including excise tax.

The government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so, would be in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/s/ MARTIN C. SABLAN
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
DPW/FHWA-12-RFP-002

PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING DESIGN FOR TINIAN HAZARD ELIMINATION Project No. Route 21 CM-NH-0021(003), Route 24 CM-NH-0024(001), and Route 27 CM-NH-0027(001)

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Department of Public Works (DPW), are soliciting sealed proposals for the Preliminary Engineering Design for Tinian Hazard Elimination on Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001, however, Article 7, "Local Business Preference", as amended by Public Law 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, is not available because its use is prohibited by Federal Law granting the funding for this project. Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with **§70-30.3-305** of the regulations.

Prior to being awarded a design contract, the firm or company must have or obtain a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) from the CNMI Board of Professional Licensing, and must have a Resident Engineer or Principal-In-Charge for the contract Information about obtaining a COA may be requested from Ms. Florence C. Sablan, Executive Director, at (670) 234-5897/5898 or fax (670) 234-6040.

For any contract or subcontract related to engineering or design of a construction project funded in whole or in part with Federal-aid Highway funds, the bid or proposal submitted for the contract, is required to show what the indirect cost (overhead cost not associated with any one particular project defined under 48 CFR §31.203) associated with the project are, to state how the indirect cost figure was reached, and to certify (pursuant to Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Order No. 4470.1A that they are allowable costs under 48 CFR §31.2.

The RFP Package and Scope of Work is available on or after **October 20, 2011** at the Department of Public Works, Office of the Secretary, 2nd Floor, Joeten Commercial Building, Gualo Rai Saipan. A mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Gualo Rai Commercial Building on **November 10, 2011**. Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division, Building 1353, Mednilla Avenue Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 234-3547 no later than 4:30 p.m. local time **November 23, 2011**.

Proposers must submit with their proposal a Project Approach and Schedule of Completion, which details how the work will be accomplished by the consultants, given the time requirements and resources available as identified in their proposals.

Proposers shall also submit a separate statement of qualifications (résumés and experience). The total proposal submitted shall be no more than twenty five (25) pages in length. Note that a firm, which submits a proposal as a prime consultant, cannot submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, only subcontractors may be included in multiple proposals by different consultants.

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Qualifications of the principal(s) and staff assigned to the project – 25%
2. Experience and past performance of the firm(s) on similar type projects – 25%
3. Project Approach – 20%
4. Schedule of Completion – 30%

Sealed proposals must be marked **"DPW/FHWA-12-RFP-002"**. For Proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of proposals must be submitted no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, **November 30, 2011** to the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement & Supply, Lower Base, Saipan. Proposers located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, **November 30, 2011**, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For Proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **November 30, 2011** AND must be received no later than **December 12, 2011**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
DPW/FHWA-12-RFP-003

PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING DESIGN FOR ROUTE 33 (BEACH ROAD) IMPROVEMENTS, Project No.CM-NH-0033 (023)

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Department of Public Works (DPW), are soliciting sealed proposals for the Preliminary Engineering Design of Route 33 (Beach Road) Improvements on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001, however, Article 7, "Local Business Preference", as amended by Public Law 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, is not available because its use is prohibited by Federal Law granting the funding for this project. Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with **§70-30.3-305** of the regulations.

Prior to being awarded a design contract, the firm or company must have or obtain a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) from the CNMI Board of Professional Licensing, and must have a Resident Engineer or Principal-In-Charge for the contract Information about obtaining a COA may be requested from Ms. Florence C. Sablan, Executive Director, at (670) 234-5897/5898 or fax (670) 234-6040.

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The RFP Package and Scope of Work is available on or after **October 20, 2011** at the Department of Public Works, Office of the Secretary, 2nd Floor, Joeten Commercial Building, Gualo Rai Saipan. A mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Gualo Rai Commercial Building on **November 10, 2011**. Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division, Building 1353, Mednilla Avenue Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 234-3547 no later than 4:30 p.m. local time **November 23, 2011**.

Proposers must submit with their proposal a Project Approach and Schedule of Completion, which details how the work will be accomplished by the consultants, given the time requirements and resources available as identified in their proposals.

Proposers shall also submit a separate statement of qualifications (résumés and experience). The total proposal submitted shall be no more than twenty five (25) pages in length. Note that a firm, which submits a proposal as a prime consultant, cannot submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, only subcontractors may be included in multiple proposals by different consultants.

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

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3. Project Approach – 20%
4. Schedule of Completion – 30%

Sealed proposals must be marked **"DPW/FHWA-12-RFP-003"**. For Proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of proposals must be submitted no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, **November 30, 2011** to the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement & Supply, Lower Base, Saipan. Proposers located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, **November 30, 2011**, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For Proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **November 30, 2011** AND must be received no later than **December 12, 2011**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

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Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director, Procurement & Supply

INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW11-IFB-005

ROUTE 31, CROSS ISLAND ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, PHASE II-B FEDERAL AID PROJECT NUMBER CM-NH-0031 (015)

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the **CROSS ISLAND ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, Phase II-B,** Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project package consisting of Plans, Specifications and Bid Documents will be available on or after **October 20, 2011** at Pacific Quick Print & Post, located in Middle Road, Garapan, Saipan. A non-refundable payment to Pacific Quick Print & Post, is required to defray the cost of printing the package.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001, however, Article 7, "Local Business Preference", as amended by Public Law 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118 is not available because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funding for this project.

A **mandatory** Pre-bid Conference is scheduled for **November 9, 2011 9:00 a.m,** Chamorro Standard Time (ChST), at the Department of Public Works, Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Gualo Rai Commercial Building, Saipan. After the pre-bid there will be a site visit for Route 31, Phase II-B. DPW encourages prospective bidders to see the existing condition and the complexity of the proposed project.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that the full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division,** 1353 Mednilla Avenue, Capitol Hill, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who have obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgement of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each of the addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at 234-9828/38 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked "**DPW11-IFB-005**". For bidder within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. Chamorro Standard Time (ChST), **December 13, 2011**. Bidders located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. Chamorro Standard Time (ChST), **December 13, 2011**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **December 13, 2011**, and must be received no later than **December 27, 2011**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:30 a.m. Chamorro Standard Time (ChST), on **January 4, 2012**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m. Chamorro Standard Time (ChST), on **December 13, 2011.**

A bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. This security may be Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". For Bid Bonds, surety companies must hold a Certificate of Authority from the Office of the Insurance Commissioner (CNMI Department of Commerce), as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the CNMI Attorney General.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with NMIAC §70-30.3-301 of the Procurement Regulations. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. The surety company providing the Performance and Payment bonds must hold a Certificate of Authority from the U.S. Department of Treasury as an acceptable surety and must be authorized to conduct business in the CNMI. In addition, the contractor will be required to deliver a certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments or other bond obligations) exceeded the penal amount of each bond.

Compliance with Local and Federal Laws and Other Certifications:

1. Bids shall include a certification from the contractor's principal certifying that the contractor is in compliance of all applicable Local and Federal Laws and that all work performed in accordance with said bid shall be in compliance with Local and Federal Laws.
2. Sub-contractors must also comply with item 1 of this section.
3. Bids shall also include a certification from the contractor's principal certifying that the contractor shall comply with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Buy American Provision (ARRA Title XVI, Section 1605) for all materials purchased utilizing ARRA funds.

Performance time for completion of this project is Two Hundred Forty Days (240) working days upon issuance of an official written Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for the delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed according to table 108-1 of the Standard Specifications for Construction of Roads and Bridges on Federal Projects, FP-96 or One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars ($1,500.00) whichever is greater.

This project is funded in part by a grant from the American Recovery Act of 2009 (ARRA) through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and the FHWA Federal aid Territorial Transportation Improvement Program (TTIP). Contract award is contingent upon funding approval by FHWA.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to bids and waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ MARTIN C. SABLAN
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
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How it ends in Iraq

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As President Barack Obama announced on Friday that the last of 39,000 U.S. troops deployed to Iraq would be home for the holidays, a lot of names came flooding back.

Fallujah. Ramadi. Triangle of Death. Neo-con. Anbar Province. IED. VBIED. WMDs. Firdos Square. Shock and awe. Abu Ghraib. Paul Bremer. Blackwater. Coalition Provisional Authority. Mosul. Ahmad Chalabi. Halliburton. Hillbilly armor. Shaped charges. Yellowcake. Spider hole.

This Iraq trivia test could go on, as the war did, for nearly nine years, but what would it prove? Indeed, what did the war prove?

That a powerful military force can, fairly quickly, depose the leader of a smaller sovereign nation. But it's far more difficult to bring order to a diverse collection of tribes, ethnic groups and religious sects that were crudely combined into a nation.

That in counterinsurgency warfare, indigenous forces with short supply lines have a huge advantage. That a people riven by a sectarian split that began in the seventh century will violently resist outside efforts to impose solutions.

Much of this should have been known going in, but there were forces inside George W. Bush's administration who were convinced of the righteous need to spread democracy by whatever means necessary.

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, who had spent decades arguing for a leaner, more agile military, felt validated at how quickly U.S. Special Forces, in league with tribesmen from Afghanistan's Northern Alliance, had overthrown the Taliban government.

So on March 20, 2003, U.S. forces went in light, three Army divisions and the First Marine Expeditionary Force, behind heavy bombing and missile strikes, moving rapidly north from Kuwait to Baghdad and beyond. Three weeks later, on April 9, the statue of Saddam Hussein fell in Firdos Square.

But well before that, as the 101st Airborne Division was fighting outside Najaf and Nasiriya, its commander, a relatively unknown two-star general named David Petraeus, was asking his staff—and reporter Rick Atkinson of The Washington Post—"Tell me how this ends."

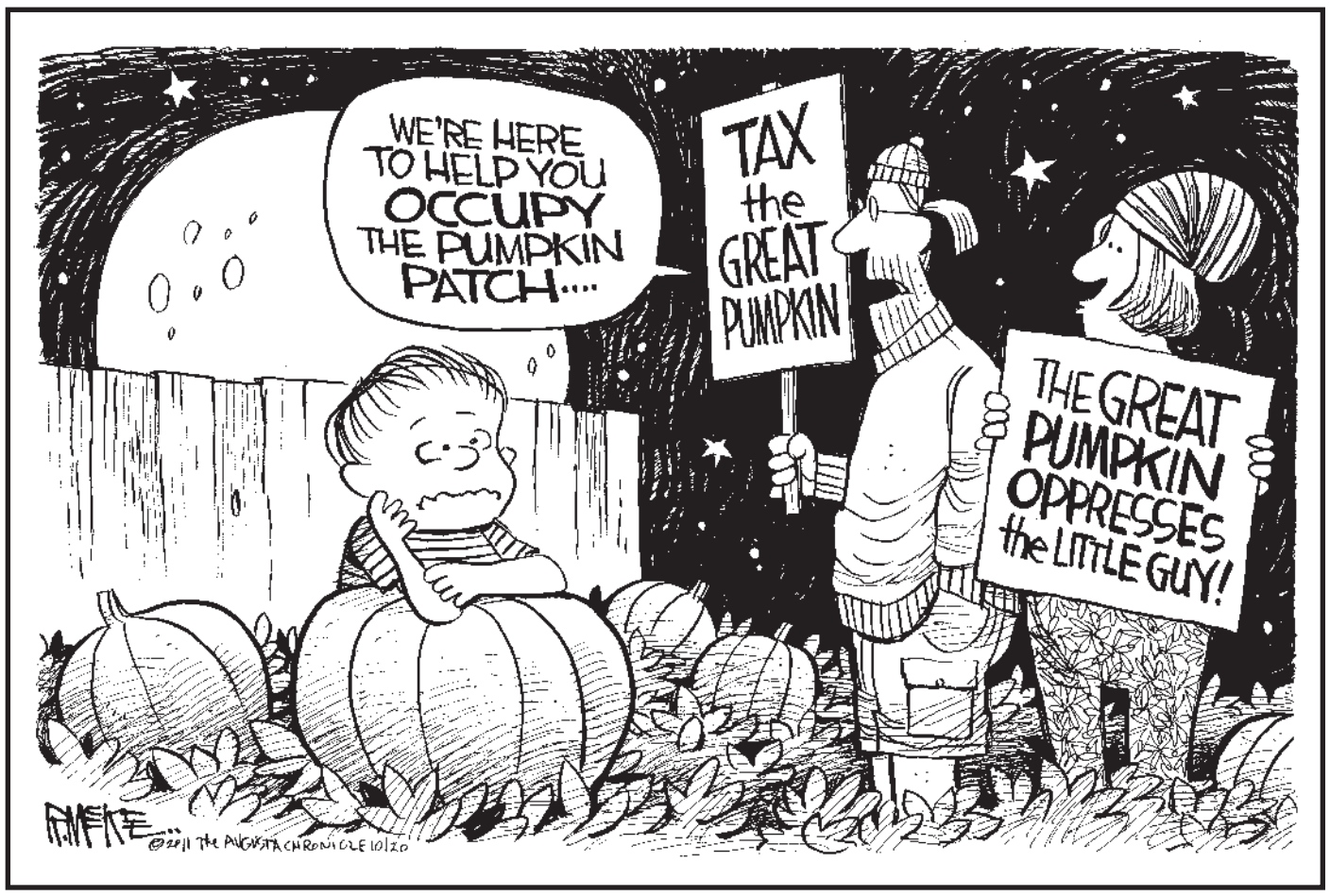
Eight years and seven months later, we have the answer: A guy who was in the Illinois state senate at the time would make a deal with an Arabic literature scholar who then was living in Syria. Obama was willing to leave a few thousand troops in Iraq past the end of the year, but Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki said he couldn't get his parliament to give U.S. troops immunity from prosecution for any violation of Iraqi law.

Will Iraq hold together after the last U.S. boot leaves the ground? Its security forces are all trained-up, but the Sunni-Shia and secular Shia-religious Shia splits remain volatile. Sectarian war is less likely than it was five years ago, but one violent confrontation could change that. The Kurdish north remains restive. To the east lies Iran, a most intrusive neighbor.

The United States could stay for another generation and not fix any of that.

We got into these conflicts with the best of intentions but with too little thought. These wars cost too many lives and too much money; it benefited too few people and too few interests. Whether they left the world any more secure is an open question.

It would be nice to think we won't make this kind of mistake again. We won't count on it.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Wall Street protests: A long American tradition

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The only thing really surprising about the Occupy Wall Street movement is that it didn't happen sooner. The United States has a long history of friction over policies that enable an elite to thrive at the expense of ordinary people.

The earliest tensions emerged soon after the Revolutionary War, when Jeffersonians raised alarms about the "moneycrats" and their counter-revolutionary intrigues. They were referring to Alexander Hamilton and his confederates, who favored a British-style system of merchant capitalism that the Jeffersonians feared would undo the democratic and egalitarian promise of the Revolution. The fissure opened by that post-Revolutionary confrontation has never been entirely repaired.

In the first half of the 19th century, followers of Andrew Jackson inveighed against the Second Bank of the United States, otherwise known as "the monster bank." They feared the bank was part of a systematic monopolizing of financial resources by a politically privileged elite. That tradition was embraced again just after the Civil War, when the Farmer-Labor and Greenback political parties were formed out of a determination to break the stranglehold on credit exercised by the big banks back East.

Later in the 19th century, Populists decried the overweening power of the Wall Street "devil fish." The tentacles of finance, they insisted, not only reached into every part of the economy but also corrupted churches, the press and institutions of higher learning, destroying the family and suborning public officials from the president on down. When Democratic Party candidate William Jennings Bryan vowed during his campaign for the presidency in 1896 that mankind would not be "crucified on a cross of gold," the Populist-inspired "Boy Orator of the Platte" was taking aim at Wall Street, and everyone knew it.

Around the turn of the 20th century, the antitrust movement captured the imagination of small businessmen, consumers and working people in towns and cities across America. The trust they worried most about was "the money trust." Captained by J.P. Morgan, "the financial Gorgon," the money trust was skewered in court and in print by future Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis, subjected to withering congressional investigations, excoriated in the exposes of "muckraking" journalists and depicted by cartoonists as a cabal of prehensile Visigoths in death-heads.

As the new century began, condemnation of the money trust came from disparate groups that included reformers in statehouses and city halls, socialists in industrial cities, strikebound workers from coast to coast, working-class feminists and anti-war activists. Financial interests were blamed for turning the whole country into a closely held system of financial pillage and labor exploitation while practicing imperial adventuring abroad. As the movements made clear, everyone but Wall Street was suffering the consequences of a system of proliferating abuses perpetrated by "the Street."

The long tradition of protest that the Occupy Wall Street demonstrators have tapped into had perhaps its finest hour during the Depression. Then as now, there was no question in the minds of the "99 percent" that Wall Street was principally to blame for the country's crisis.

In addition to rallies and marches of the unemployed, there were hundreds of sit-down strikes of workers inside industrial plants, foreclosures forestalled by infuriated neighbors and occupations—even seizures—of private property. There was a pervasive sense that the old order needed to be buried. In response, the New Deal was launched, and President Franklin D. Roosevelt announced his determination to unseat "economic royalists" who were growing rich off "other people's money" while the country suffered its worst trauma since the Civil War.

In recent years, protest by ordinary people against the culture of wealth accumulation and the powerful financial institutions Marx referred to as "the Vatican of capitalism" had largely died off. We had grown fearful of using nasty phrases like "class warfare," "plutocracy," "robber baron" and "ruling class" to identify the sources of economic exploitation and oppression.

Now that spirit of protest is back, and just in time. Never before has "the Vatican of capitalism" captured quite so perfectly the specific nature of the oligarchy that has run the country for a generation—and has now run it into the ground.

At a march I recently attended, the signs spoke to a reemerging willingness to combat the economic divide. "The Middle Class is Too Big To Fail," one proclaimed. "Eat the Rich, Feed the Poor," read another. During the march, a pervasive chant—"We are the 99 Percent"—resoundingly reminded the Wall Street titans just how isolated and vulnerable they might become.

It would be foolish to predict how lasting this Occupy Wall Street moment will be and just where (if anywhere) it's heading. Some observers have worried that the movement is too diffuse, that it doesn't have a clear-cut set of demands and that its anger is unfocused. It is far too soon to conclude that, with the protests on Wall Street, our pitiful age of acquiescence has ended.

Still, it would be equally foolish to dismiss the powerful American tradition the demonstrators of this moment have tapped into. In the past, Wall Street has functioned as an icon of revulsion, inciting anger, stoking up energies and summoning visions of a new world that might save the New World.

It could play that role again today. In 1932, three years into the Depression, most Americans were more demoralized than mobilized. A few years later, all that had changed and the political class had to scurry to keep up. Occupy Wall Street may indeed prove the opening act in an unfolding drama of renewed resistance to and rebellion against "the Vatican of capitalism."

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Rules of engagement

By RIK VILLEGAS
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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When I started my first semester of college, I was fortunate to have Calvin as my roommate. He was the valedictorian graduate at his high school and knew not only what it took to get good grades, but how to succeed in other areas of life. After a date, I noticed he would grab a sheet of paper with a list of all the qualities he was looking for in a future wife, and he would rate the girl he just took out. There were about 10 qualities and the last one was "Zing!" This represented the non-quantifiable qualities that caused his heart to race, and made the relationship exciting.

I borrowed from Cal's list and added a dozen more qualities over time. Whenever I considered getting serious with a gal, I would pull out my "rules of engagement" to rate her. Needless to say, it was nearly impossible to find someone that could meet all the qualities on my list—including me—but it didn't stop me from trying.

I was recently looking at a website of Greg Habstritt, and he had a set of rules he shares with people who want to work with him as a partner or in a joint venture. Looking over the list reminded me of Cal's list, except this one was for a long-term business relationship. Most people don't have written criteria to rate someone they want to have an ongoing business relationship with, but almost everyone has some general idea of the type of people they would like to work with or for.

It made perfect sense to me to have a list of rules to determine who to establish a long-term business relationship, and also to have rules to evaluate what projects to work on. The opposite is to just "go with the flow" and possibly get burned, find yourself in a compromising situation, or waste a lot of time doing something with someone you wish you would have never even started.

As a college instructor, I have a semester-long relationship with my students. On the first day of the semester in each of the business classes I teach, I review a list of rules with my students to let them know my expectations up front. They also learn what will happen in case some of the expectations are not met; for instance, if someone cheats on a test. I also go over the schedule, share the student learning outcomes, and the major purpose and outcome they can expect by the end of the semester. This helps set the tone for our semester-long relationship, lets the students know exactly what I expect from them, and how they can get a good grade in my class.

Would it be beneficial to have written rules of engagement that possible joint venture partners could review to determine if they are suitable to work with you and your company? These could be very specific, or they might be some generalized factors that act as guidelines to establish a working relationship. Here are some of what Greg refers to as the factors he uses to determine whether he'll get involved with a business project with someone: A solid reputation, alignment with his current clients and their needs, economic benefit to everyone involved, and a focus on developing greater lifetime value for all the partners.

He also lists his core values and a set of three rules to help prospective partners determine if they are a good fit with his company. Reviewing the values and rules saves time for both him and anyone who doesn't measure up to his values and rules.

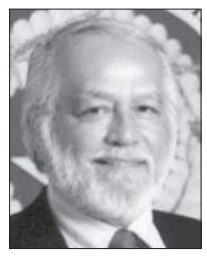
You could come up with your own list of criteria or rules to determine who you will engage with on a business project. The least it will do is to save you a lot of time by screening the undesirable individuals or projects that you should avoid. Your rules of engagement will allow you to evaluate the "cream of the crop" and make better long-term decisions. They could reduce the stress you might currently face because of poorly chosen relationships or less-than-ethical partners.

Now, fast forward eight years from the time I started using Cal's list and I'm still having difficulty finding the "perfect" companion. The Air Force sent me to Abilene, Texas and I met a young southern belle who had a lot of Zing! When I pulled my worn list out to rate her, I was disappointed to find that she couldn't meet all the qualities so I uncharacteristically threw out the list, went with the Zing, and 26 years later I can look back and say it was the best decision I ever made to marry Janel.

So what's the lesson? It's important to have a list of criteria and set of rules to follow, but be flexible to go with your gut feeling sometimes when the right opportunity comes along. The critical thing to remember is to always stay aligned with your core values and work with people who have similar values.

2PSCom? No. 2

By STANLEY TUDELA MCGINNIS TORRES
Special to the Saipan Tribune



Rep. Stanley Tudela McGinnis Torres is a member of the House of Representatives in the 17th Commonwealth Legislature.

The Covenant treaty/agreement we entered into with the United States in 1976 is supposed to be a two-way street. Both sides are to benefit. It is supposed to be a roadmap to an increased standard of living. It is supposed to allow for self-government by the people of the Northern Marianas. Are we getting there using this map or is this a dead end? Is this a one-way street we're on or does it allow for two-way traffic? Is one side getting the better end of the deal? Are there other ways to interact with the world than the Covenant agreement allows for? Are we stuck with this set of rules or can they be changed? What other options for political status do we have? Are any of them better that what we have now. What are they? What are the risks? What are the rewards? These are some of the questions the 2nd Political Status commission is being set up to find answers to. There are many more.

Specifically, the commission that is to be started has four main jobs: 1. Examine the provisions of the Covenant. 2. Review the actions of the United States in interpreting and implementing the Covenant. 3. Review and examine alternative political and economic status options for the Northern Marianas Islands, and 4. Make one or more recommendations to the Legislature for final approval by the people of the Northern Marianas via a plebiscite (vote).

The United Nations, under Resolution 1541 and international law, requires that all former colonies or trust territories (like the Northern Marianas Islands) have the right and obligation to freely govern themselves in all local and internal matters (and external matters if they so choose). They may voluntarily align themselves with another sovereign state but there are strict rules and limitations to prevent unlawful colonialism. It requires that any agreement be in writing and agreed to by both parties. The UN Resolution also requires that the people of former territories have the right at any time to change the status and agreements through democratic means.

Is the U.S. allowing the CNMI to freely govern itself internally or has it taken control? Are the rules than keep a territory from becoming a colony being observed? Is the written agreement/treaty between the Northern Marianas and the U.S. (the Covenant) working equally well for both parties? Should the people look at and vote on choices that help their right to self-determination?

The commission is to be a 13-person team composed of 11 voting members and two non-voting members. The Legislature will activate the Commission and dissolve it once their job is done. Before their work is done they are to make recommendations about ballot questions that should be placed before the voters of the CNMI.

In next week's article we will look more closely at where these members come from and what their duties are. For now, this is Stanley McGinnis Torres of the 17th CNMI Legislature. Feel free to contact me with any questions or comments about this week's article at 664-8903 or rep.torress@cnmileg.gov.mp.

Letters to the Editor

Tourism legislation or death to tourism

This is another "I told you so" because I have mentioned on several occasions in the past decade that we need a "Tourists Act" to protect tourists who literally represent our economic commitment, our investments and our main source of income. The only excuse I ever got was that it would be unfair to local people to make a law especially for tourists, which is ridiculous because I'm sure every local wants our tourists to be safe and to have an enjoyable time without fear of being a victim of criminals. Common sense should tell most people that we must protect the tourists or our economy is going to suffer.

Tourists represent the very lifeblood of our economy and we should do all we can to protect them because the CNMI literally bleeds every time a tourist is victimized; we are dying a slow death. Each time a tourist is victimized it makes the entire tourist industry suffer from the consequences. I want to commend the Mariana Country Club general manager Gloria C. Cavanagh for speaking up and asking for more protection for our tourists, especially when I read in the same newspaper of a tourist complaining about being brutalized. I must pose the question to our lawmakers: Who cares enough to sponsor a Tourists Act? *We must show tourists we care* and a law for tourists would do a lot to establish this perception because now it looks like we don't care. No one can deny that we must do something, given the number of crimes against tourists.

There are all kinds of examples of special laws targeted at certain behaviors and certainly a Tourists Act would fit into this category. There are many states that have gun laws that apply additional time whenever a gun is used in a crime. The CNMI could certainly place a mandatory five years to run consecutive to the criminal time, which would do a great deal to deter crimes against tourists. Presently, laws and legislation are only in the interest of local people who represent just 27 percent of the population—a sad fact. But I can assure our present and future lawmakers that our tourist industry and our economy will be doomed from the adverse effects of our present laws if we don't fix these archaic laws.

Furthermore, the CNMI government is supposed to be for all people in the CNMI, not just locals. CNMI laws must become more reflective in supporting equality, free enterprise, the rights and safety of all people living in the CNMI—especially those visiting the CNMI who literally bring us their money! You decide leaders: legislation and better protection or a slow death to tourism.

I also previously mentioned the ability of technology to install remote cameras in all critical tourists' locations that can be monitored from a single post. We can do this almost for free because I know there are federal grants available to help the CNMI with getting this type of equipment. The only question is who and when will someone do the necessary homework to get it done. The CNMI shouldn't wait until we get a black eye in the international news for crimes against tourists before we try to do something. The leader(s) who takes the lead on this will certainly be leading because doing nothing and playing the denial game won't work. Our leaders tried the denial game for years with the alien labor complaints and their lies were eventually exposed in Congress on the national stage. Do we really want to continue doing nothing to improve protection for tourists? Preserve the integrity of our tourism industry before it's too late.

Ambrose M. Bennett
Kagman, Saipan

Circumventing the law

I know some employers in their attempt to circumvent the costs related to H1B just petition employees for a CW1. They would even go to the extent of changing the job descriptions or scope of work submitted to USCIS but the actual work scope is more specialized than what was submitted. How can these employers get away with these? Will USCIS really do spot checks regarding these? Shouldn't these employers be questioned or apprehended? We would like to hear from you.

Mark de Leon
San Antonio, Saipan

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Partly sunny with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Light and variable winds.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Northeast winds 5 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼78
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼77
Pohnpei	Showers	▲88	▼72
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼76
Majuro	Rain	▲82	▼76

Around The Globe

Auckland	Mostly Cloudy	▲67	▼58
Beijing	Sunny	▲66	▼39
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	▲82	▼74
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲86	▼74
London	Showers	▲56	▼48
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲69	▼50
Manila	Mostly Sunny	▲87	▼81
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲76	▼62
Miami	Showers	▲82	▼74
New York	Showers	▲64	▼53
Osaka	Sunny	▲72	▼55
Paris	Cloudy	▲62	▼50
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲68	▼57
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲73	▼53
Salem	Mostly Cloudy	▲55	▼38
San Francisco	Sunny	▲72	▼51
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲64	▼49
Tokyo	Sunny	▲66	▼55
Washington, DC	Showers	▲69	▼58

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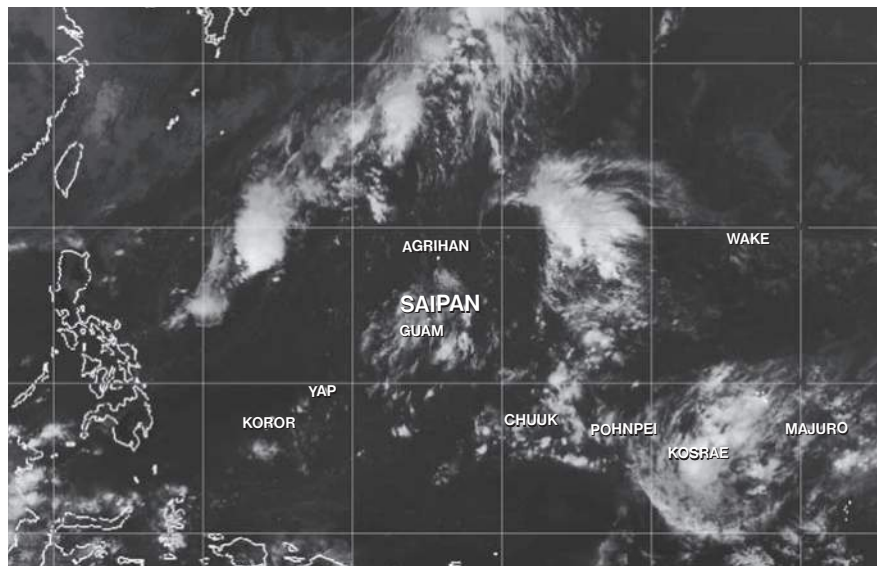

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A weak circulation is centered well west of the Marianas near 18N132E. A surface trough extends from the circulation to the northeast beyond 25N at 141E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring near Iwo To island within 100 miles of the trough axis. Low-level convergence is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms near the Marianas within 70 miles of a line from 14N144E to 16N145E. An upper-level low is centered well northeast of Saipan at 20N149E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found west of Wake Island between 12N and 24N from 153E to 158E. Trade-wind disturbances are generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms near Chuuk and Pohnpei between 5N and 11N from 151E to 158E over Kosrae between 1N and 10N from 160E to 168E and east of Majuro east of a line from 8N172E to 2N173E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

1:27 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.4 Feet
8:03 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet
1:47 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.8 Feet
7:08 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.2 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:11 AM	5:50 PM
Friday	6:12 AM	5:50 PM
Saturday	6:12 AM	5:49 PM
Sunday	6:12 AM	5:49 PM
Monday	6:13 AM	5:49 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	6:15 AM	6:04 PM
Friday	7:21 AM	7:02 PM
Saturday	8:26 AM	8:02 PM
Sunday	9:28 AM	9:03 PM
Monday	10:26 AM	10:03 PM

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DEPARTURES

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
C05062	2:20am	2:50am	1, 5
SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)			
C05064	4:25am	5:00am	1, 5
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			
C05070	4:25am	5:15am	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
C05064	4:25am	6:00am	1, 5 via ROP
5K384	7:20am	8:10am	2, 6
C05068	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6
C05068	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05074	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C05076	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
5K386	5:50pm	6:40pm	3, 4, 7
C05078	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily
5K382	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5
C05072	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)			
5K212	8:20am	10:55am	4, 7
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			
3U8648	6:05am	8:30am	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:15am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:15am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C05070/191	4:25am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:10pm	Daily via NRT
C05068/183	7:55am	8:40pm	3, 6 via GUM
C05076/183	3:05pm	8:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7 via GUM
C05076/193	3:05pm	10:10pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
C05072/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
5K168	8:15am	11:25pm	1, 5
C05076/179	3:05pm	9:25pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			
C05064	5:30am	6:00am	1, 5
ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)			
C05062	3:20am	3:55am	1, 5
GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
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C05069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
5K387	6:30am	7:20am	1, 3, 4, 5, 7
C05071	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C05071	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05073	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C05075	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C05077	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
5K383	6:30pm	7:20pm	2, 6
C05079	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily
NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN			
5K213	11:55am	4:25pm	4, 7
NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:05pm	12:35am+1	Daily
SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ603	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	4, 7
MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ704/603	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
DL172/288	7:55am	12:35am+1	Daily via NRT
C0190/5079	10:55am	9:00pm	3, 6 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:35pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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C0192/5071	9:55pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
PR110/C05071	10:00pm	7:25am+1	5 via GUM
PR110/C05071	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
C0184/5071	10:55pm	7:25am+1	3, 6 via GUM
C0184/5071	10:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 4, 7 via GUM
C0184/5071	11:25pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM
HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ724/603	12:30am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
5K169	1:00pm	8:05pm	1, 5
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0180/5071	10:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM

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FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

Cepeda, Leon are the best of BRO (Big Red One)

By MOLLIE MILLER
1ST INFANTRY DIVISION PUBLIC AFFAIRS

History was made at Fort Riley last week as two soldiers assigned not only to the same battalion but also to the same company were named the best of the Big Red One during a ceremony Oct. 21.

Sgt. Kelvin Cepeda and Spc. Luisa Leon, both members of headquarters and headquarters company, 3rd Attack Helicopter Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, 1st Combat Aviation Brigade, took home Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter and Soldier of the Quarter honors for the first quarter of fiscal year 2012.

"Nine young men and women came in and fought all week for these titles," said Command Sgt. Maj. Jim Thomson, 1st Infantry Division acting senior noncommissioned officer. "Each of these warriors put forth a fantastic effort and it was a really great competition."

The grueling four-day competition was held Oct. 18-21 on the grounds of Fort Riley. The schedule featured many events designed to test the competitors' soldier skills and focused on areas including land navigation, physical fitness, warrior tasks, marksmanship, and general Army knowledge.

"It was a hard competition but no one gave up, everyone kept pushing forward," Leon said. "I personally just tried as hard as I could and I didn't stop. I ran when I needed to run, I shot my best, I just went for it."

Cepeda, a Petroleum Supply Specialist, and Leon, an Aviation Operations Specialist, said they began preparing for the competition about two months ago.

"We worked together preparing for the competition almost every day," Leon said. "We tested each other and did a lot of studying."

Cepeda said that he and Leon spent a lot of time during their lunch hours and after work preparing for the competition, setting up mock boards and doing as many activities as possible to make sure they were ready for whatever challenges the division-level event might throw at them.

The two Nightmare Battalion soldiers believe this extensive preparation as well as the great support of their entire unit helped carry them to success in the quarterly competition.

"There is no mission too difficult and I truly believe that," Cepeda said. "I just believe in doing everything to the best of my ability and, in the end, it always pays off."

Following a short break to celebrate their win, Cepeda and Leon said they plan to get back into their training schedule, working hard to get ready for the division's Soldier and NCO of the Year competition, scheduled to take place next spring.

"We have about nine months to prepare for the next round so we are going to start hitting it hard," Cepeda said. "Hopefully we can do this again."

Sgt. Cepeda currently serves in the Army and is stationed in Fort Riley, Kansas. He is the son of Luis M. Cepeda (Apong) and Guadalupe M. Cepeda. He is married to Lei Ogumoro-Uludong and has an 11-year-old son named Kelvin D. Cepeda, Jr.

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Sgt. Cepeda receives an Army Commendation Medal from Command Sgt. Maj. Jim Thomson, 1st Infantry Division acting senior noncommissioned officer, left, and Brig. Gen. Donald MacWillie, right, deputy commander of the 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kansas.

Kilili's Wildlife Refuge Stamp bill gets support at hearing

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Supporters of the national Wildlife Refuge System may soon have a way to contribute directly to the upkeep of these protected areas. The House Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Affairs held a hearing yesterday on the Wildlife Refuge System Conservation Semipostal Stamp Act of 2011. The bill, H.R. 2236, received the support of the Obama Administration and from committee members on both sides of the aisle. CNMI Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan introduced the measure in June and has gathered 48 co-sponsors.

Sablan

Among the co-sponsors is the longest-serving House member, John Dingell (D-MI), who also testified at yesterday's hearing. "I appear, Mr. Chairman, in favor of and in support of H.R. 2236, which will provide necessary and important funding for the…refuge system; and I commend my colleague [Mr. Sablan] for his leadership in this matter," Dingell said.

Sablan in his own introductory remarks as Ranking Member of the Subcommittee explained how his bill works. "The Wildlife Refuge System Conservation Semipostal Stamp Act uses a proven system of raising private funding for worthy public causes.

"The Breast Cancer Research semipostal stamp, for instance, has raised about $75 million since 1998. And a new *Save Vanishing Species* semipostal just went on sale on September 20th. The public bought 1.6 million in September alone, raising $176,000 for international wildlife conservation."

The U.S. Postal Service printed 100 million of the Vanishing Species stamps, which sell for 55 cents each, 11 cents over the cost of first-class postage. That difference goes to conservation efforts.

"My bill will do the same for America's National Wildlife Refuge System," said Sablan.

"In my own district, proceeds from the sale of the Wildlife Refuge stamp could pay some of the $380,000 needed for the staff, visitor services, education, and volunteer programs in the Mariana Trench National Wildlife Refuge and the Mariana Arc of Fire National Wildlife Refuge. Both are part of the Mariana Trench Marine National Monument that President Bush created by Executive Order in 2009.

"I believe that America's Wildlife Refuge System has proven to be a great investment for our country. Refuges generate $1.7 billion in sales for local communities annually and create nearly 27,000 jobs."

Also testifying at yesterday's hearing was James W. Kurth, acting assistant director of the National Wildlife Refuge System. Kurth expressed the support of the Executive Branch for Sablan's bill and in response to questioning said he expected the measure would raise about $10 million over a two-year period for the Refuge System. ***(PR)***

Call for scientific presentations

The Asia Pacific Academy of Sciences, Science Education, and Environmental Management, or APASEEM, is presently putting forth a call for presentations for its upcoming annual meeting.

The date scheduled is Tuesday, Nov. 29, and if needed, also Wednesday, Nov. 30, with the initial meeting to run from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. As in the past, the event will be held at the American Memorial Park Auditorium, which seats up to 112 people.

All interested science and environmental professionals--and teachers and students of these disciplines--are encouraged to develop a 15- to 20-minute presentation on an aspect of their recent work that may be of interest to the CNMI's science, science education, and environmental management community. To get scheduled on the developing meetings' agenda, just contact any officer.

We are also using this opportunity to continue our ongoing membership drive. Potential new members and/or potential group officers are highly encouraged to make contact with us," the academy said in a statement yesterday.

For more information, contact Ken Kramer (acting president) via ken_kramer0886@yahoo.com, Andre Kozij (treasurer) via akaspn@hotmail.com and/or Kimberly Vaillancourt (present secretary) via kavaillan@gmail.com and/or John Furey (acting co-secretary) via jfurey@saipan.com. ***(PR)***

NMC to host free Cash for College workshop on Nov. 12

The Northern Marianas College and College Access Challenge Grant program will be hosting a free "Cash for College" workshop that aims to assist students and their parents in maximizing scholarship opportunities that are available to students seeking to obtain a college education.

The free workshop is on Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011, at the NMC As Terlaje campus in Building A. The workshop will be an ongoing session, so participants can stop by anytime between 9am and 3pm.

Participants will be provided with personal, step-by-step assistance in completing college financial aid forms, focusing especially on forms for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the Saipan Higher Education Financial Aid or SHEFA, and the CNMI Scholarship.

Staff members from the college's Office of Admissions and Records will also be present to provide information and assistance with the NMC application process.

It is recommended that workshop participants bring a valid form of identification (e.g., a valid U.S. passport, copy of valid application for a U.S. passport, birth certificate, or green card), an official transcript from high school (at least three official copies), tax forms, and proof of CNMI residency for 2009 and 2010, including proof of continuing residency. Applicants for SHEFA should bring a valid U.S. passport, a voter registration card, and proof of vote cast.

For additional information, contact the NMC Financial Aid Office at 234-5498 ext. 1526 or email daisym@nmcnet.edu. ***(NMC)***

NMC receives energy grant from OIA

The Northern Marianas College was recently awarded an energy grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs to identify, assess, and analyze the college's energy deficiencies and maintenance-related needs

The grant is provided through the U.S. Office of Insular Affairs' Technical Assistance Program and is aimed toward improving the performance of the college's energy infrastructure. The grant also supports planning to make upgrades and improvements to the campus over time, building systems of sustainable energy, and hiring personnel to maintain these facilities.

CNMI Public Law 15-23, amended by P.L. 15-87, provides that due to the rising costs of fuel prices worldwide, the CNMI must reduce its dependency on fossil fuels and find ways to conserve energy and explore alternative energy sources. The grant was written based upon observations and assessments of the direction that the college is taking relative to facility, conservation, and energy-related maintenance, in addition to the public laws.

"The long-term goal is to create a green energy worker-training program that will place graduates into high growth and emerging industry sections within the Commonwealth," said Geri Willis, program manager and author of the grant proposal.

The energy grant funding will provide for qualified personnel to do a facility overview and assessment of current conditions at the college. This includes hands-on training and education of maintenance and facilities staff for proper identification and corrective action measures to promote reduced maintenance and facilities operations costs.

"Another objective is to include technology with virtual desktops transforming classrooms and labs into energy efficient systems, ultimately creating an Energy Center for Excellence at the college," Willis added.

Assistant Secretary of the Interior Tony Babauta and the Department of the Interior have been instrumental in providing assistance for alternative energy and conservation needs for the CNMI, according to Willis. ***(NMC)***

Business

AS STATES SLASH BUDGETS

College prices going up again

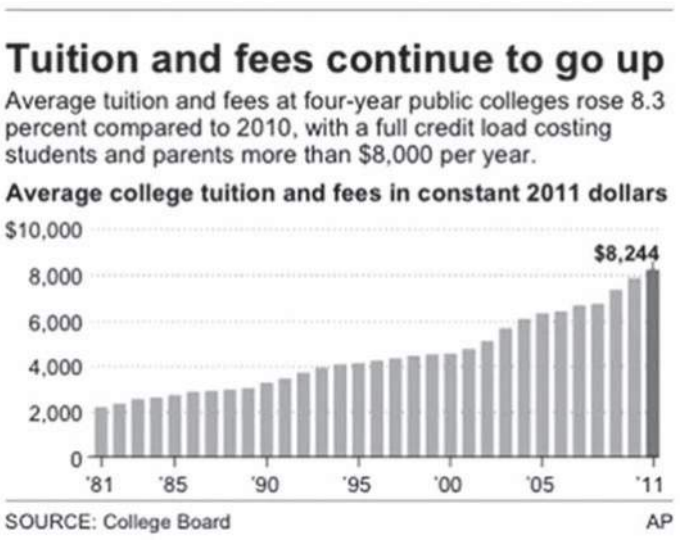
JUSTIN POPE
AP EDUCATION WRITER

As President Obama prepared to announce new measures Wednesday to help ease the burden of student loan debt, new figures painted a demoralizing picture of college costs for students and parents: Average in-state tuition and fees at four-year public colleges rose an additional $631 this fall, or 8.3 percent, compared with a year ago.

Nationally, the cost of a full credit load has passed $8,000, an all-time high. Throw in room and board, and the average list price for a state school now runs more than $17,000 a year, according to the twin annual reports on college costs and student aid published Wednesday by the College Board.

The large increase in federal grants and tax credits for students, on top of stimulus dollars that prevented greater state cuts, helped keep the average tuition-and-fees that families actually pay much lower: about $2,490, or just $170 more than five years ago. But the days of states and families relying on budget relief from Washington appear numbered. And some argue that while Washington's largesse may have helped some students, it did little to hold down prices.

"The states cut budgets, the price goes up, and the (federal) money goes to that," said Patrick Callan, president of the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education. "For 25 years we've been putting more and more money into financial aid, and tuition keeps going up. We're on a national treadmill."



Nonetheless, President Obama planned to announce a series of steps to help with one of the consequences of rising college prices: student debt. This year total outstanding student loan debt has passed $1 trillion, now exceeding credit card debt. And concerns about student loan debt have been front and center with many of the Occupy Wall Street protesters.

Obama will use executive authority for two loan-relief measures. First, he will move up the start date—from 2014 to 2012—of a plan Congress already passed that reduces the maximum repayment on federal student loans from 15 percent of discretionary incomes to 10 percent. The White House says about 1.6 million borrowers could be affected, and that remaining debt would be forgiven after 20 years, instead of 25.

The administration also will allow 5.8 million borrowers with outstanding loans from two federal programs—direct lending the Family Education Loan Program—to consolidate into a direct loan, potentially saving some borrowers hundreds of dollars per month.

Those changes may not help new borrowers much, but they could put cash in the pockets of millions still paying back their loans. They also could encourage more borrowers to take advantage of the income repayment options that are already in place, but not widely known. Finally, by consolidating into direct lending, more could qualify for that program's public service loan forgiveness, which can forgive debts after just 10 years of repayments for people working in nonprofit or public service jobs.

In the College Board's latest price report, some of the increase was driven by huge increases at public universities in California, which enrolls 10 percent of public four-year college students and whose 21 percent tuition increase this year was the largest of any state.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Survey: Home prices up in half of major US cities

WASHINGTON (AP)—Home prices rose in August in half of major cities measured by a private survey, a sign that prices are stabilizing in some hard-hit portions of the country. The Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller index showed Tuesday that prices increased in August from July in 10 of the 20 cities tracked. That marked the fifth straight month that at least half of the cities in the survey showed monthly gains. The biggest price increases were in Washington, Chicago and Detroit. The greatest declines were in Atlanta and Los Angeles.

Google faces more govt demands for user info

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Google is dealing with more government demands to turn over information about its users as more people immerse themselves online. The mounting pressure on the Internet search leader emerged in a statistical snapshot that Google Inc. released Tuesday of its dealings with authorities around the world. Google provided a country-by-country capsule of its legal sparring with authorities during the first six months of the year. This is the fourth time Google has disclosed a six-month summary of government requests since it started reporting the numbers last year.

Netflix shares tank amid backlash and defections

NEW YORK (AP)—Netflix shares plunged 35 percent Tuesday after the one-time Wall Street favorite revealed a massive departure of subscribers angered by price increases and other questionable changes at the rental service that was created to make entertainment a snap. Netflix revealed late Monday that it ended September with 23.8 million U.S. subscribers. That's down about 800,000 from June and worse than what the company had hinted at before. In September, the company predicted it will lose about 600,000 U.S. customers. The exodus began after the company raised its prices by as much as 60 percent in July and split up its streaming and DVD rental services.

IBM names its first female CEO

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—IBM Corp. ushered in the first female CEO in the company's 100-year history on Tuesday. Virginia "Ginni" Rometty, a veteran at the technology giant famous for its conservative corporate culture, will take over as CEO from Sam Palmisano, IBM announced. Palmisano has been CEO for nearly a decade and turned 60 this year. He will stay on as chairman. Rometty, 54, takes over on Jan. 1. She is currently in charge of sales and marketing at the company based in Armonk, N.Y. Last month, Meg Whitman was named CEO of Hewlett-Packard Co.

Nation

Death highlights women's role in Special Ops teams

WASHINGTON (AP)—Army 1st Lt. Ashley White died on the front lines in southern Afghanistan last weekend, the first casualty in what the Army says is a new and vital wartime attempt to gain the trust of Afghan women.

White, like other female soldiers working with special operations teams, was brought in to do things that would be awkward or impossible for her male teammates. Frisking burqa-clad women, for example.

White

Her death, in a bomb explosion in the Taliban heartland of Kandahar, underscores the risks of placing women with elite U.S. special operations teams working in remote villages.

Military leaders and other female soldiers in the program say its rewards are great, even as it fuels debate over the roles of women in combat.

"We could do things that the males cannot do, and they are starting to realize that," says Sgt. Christine Baldwin, who like White was among the first groups of women deployed to Afghanistan this year as specially trained "cultural support" troops.

Male soldiers often cannot even speak to an Afghan woman because of the strict cultural norms that separate the sexes and the tradition of women remaining behind closed doors most of the time. Forcing the issue has yielded only resentment, military officials say, and has jeopardized the trust and cooperation of villagers. From the start of the war 10 years ago, Afghans have especially resented the practice of "night raids" in which male foreign soldiers enter and search homes, the traditional sanctum of women.

"We could search the female, find out the other half of the information," Baldwin said in an interview. "If you're missing half of the lay of the land, how effective are you in engaging the populace?"

That question was eight years in the making. It arose from the frustration of U.S. commanders who realized two years ago that as they tried to apply the principles of counterinsurgency—protect civilians and enlist them to reject insurgents and provide intelligence—they weren't reaching the majority of the Afghan population.

Now, the first female soldiers are serving in commando units. They are trained to ferret out critical information not available to their male team members, to identify insurgents disguised as women and figure out when Afghan women are being used to hide weapons.

U.S. women have been on the front lines in Afghanistan since the war began, and over time they have been used to reach out to the Afghan population through health care initiatives and other programs.

Northern lights take unusual trip down south

WASHINGTON (AP)—A baffling solar storm pulled colorful northern lights unusually far south, surprising space weather experts and treating skywatchers to a rare and spectacular treat.

A storm-chasing photographer captured the strange sky show in Arkansas Monday night. People in Kentucky and Georgia reported their sightings to local television stations. A special automated NASA camera that takes a picture of the sky every minute in Huntsville, Ala., captured 20 minutes of the vibrant red and green aurora borealis.

In Arkansas, Brian Emfinger called the view "extremely vivid, the most vivid I have ever seen. There was just 15 to 20 minutes where it really went crazy."

Emfinger, a storm chaser, captured the vibrant nighttime images on camera in Ozark, Ark.

He called it "a much bigger deal" than a tornado" because he sees dozens of those every year. This is only the second northern lights in a decade that he has seen this far south.

"They are very rare events," said NASA scientist Bill Cooke, who found the aurora photos in the Alabama camera's archive and posted them on the Marshall Space Flight Center's blog. "We don't see them this far south that often."

Officials at the federal Space Weather Prediction Center in Boulder, Colo., said they were surprised at the southern reach. The center monitors solar storms, which trigger auroras. Space weather forecast chief Bob Rutledge said given the size of the solar storm, the lights probably shouldn't have been visible south of Iowa. The storm was only considered "moderate" sized, he said.

ACROSS THE NATION

Panel: Boys should get HPV vaccine given to girls

ATLANTA (AP)—A vaccine against cervical cancer hasn't been all that popular for girls. It may be even a harder sell for boys now that it's been recommended for them too. A government advisory panel on Tuesday decided that the vaccine should also be given to boys, in part to help prevent the cancer-causing virus through sex. Tuesday's vote by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' was the first to strongly recommend routine vaccination for boys since the vaccine was first approved for them two years ago. Officials acknowledged the low rate in girls encouraged them to take a new, hard look.

Maine cops seek clues after body found in storage

LEWISTON, Maine (AP)—Detectives believed a 29-year-old woman was the victim of foul play after she was reported missing in 1983, and they interviewed her boyfriend at least twice. But the case made little headway until last week, when human remains believed to be hers were discovered inside a freezer in a rental storage unit. State police on Tuesday were awaiting DNA test results to confirm the identity of a body found Friday in a Lewiston storage unit rented by Frank Julian, who died Oct. 1 at age 80.

2 small planes collide over Oregon state park

WILSONVILLE, Ore. (AP)—Two small planes collided near an Oregon state park on Tuesday and one of the aircraft crashed into the ground, exploding on impact, authorities said. The second airplane managed to make an emergency landing in Champoeg State Park, about 25 miles south of Portland, and the two people inside walked away, police said. Authorities didn't know how many people were on board the plane that crashed and disintegrated.

Asia

16,000 people flee from south Philippine clashes

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—More than 16,000 people have fled from four southern Philippine towns where government troops have been battling Muslim guerrillas and outlaws in clashes that are endangering already-shaky peace talks and a years-long truce.

Attempts by Philippine authorities to arrest several current and former commanders of the 11,000-strong Moro Islamic Liberation Front and allied gunmen accused of kidnappings for ransom and other crimes sparked separate deadly clashes last week in Zamboanga Sibugay province and on Basilan island.

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In this photo released by Malacanang Palace, Philippine President Benigno Aquino III addresses the media during a news conference Monday, Oct. 24, 2011 at the Presidential Palace in Manila, Philippines.

The Moro group has been waging a bloody fight for self-rule in southern Mindanao region, homeland of minority Muslims in the predominantly Roman Catholic Philippines. A cease-fire has held since 2008.

President Benigno Aquino III said Monday his administration would continue talks with the insurgents but seek the arrest of criminals, including those from the rebel group.

The 120,000-strong military suffered one of its biggest losses in years in Basilan last week when troops tried to capture a fugitive rebel commander and other outlaws, igniting daylong fighting that killed 19 soldiers.

Fearing more clashes, nearly 6,000 villagers have fled from Al-Barka and outlying towns in Basilan, a predominantly Muslim province about 550 miles (880 kilometers) south of Manila, Office of Civil Defense Administrator Benito Ramos said.

In Zamboanga Sibugay, also in the south, about 10,800 villagers have fled to safety from three towns, including in coastal Payao, where air force OV-10 bomber planes, naval gunboats and about 700 army troops and police have been trying to flush out more than 120 former Muslim rebels and bandits encamped in a hilly forest, officials said.

Zamboanga Sibugay police chief Ruben Cariaga said military aircraft staged bombing runs for a second day Tuesday in Payao. Troops assaulted the bandits after OV-10 planes dropped bombs on their lair Monday but were met by heavy machine-gun fire that killed two soldiers, he said.

Cariaga said Tuesday that the gunmen, who include members of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, had been surrounded.

The gunmen, accused of kidnappings for ransom, extortion and other crimes, may be holding at least one kidnap victim, officials said.

Moro Islamic Liberation Front spokesman Von Al Haq has urged the military to stop the Payao offensive, saying Muslim rebels from his group were among those surrounded by troops but the criminals being sought by authorities were not their members and not in the area under fire.

The Payao offensive has displaced many of his group's civilian followers and was endangering the cease-fire, Al Haq said. He expressed optimism the peace talks would survive the latest test.

"We've consistently said that the most civilized way to end the rebellion is through negotiations and not by the law of the gun," Al Haq told The Associated Press by telephone.

Japanese Ambassador Toshinao Urabe, whose country has been backing the peace talks for years, said he hoped the cease-fire would be respected and that both sides would continue efforts to foster peace talks.

"The recent firefights are a source of serious concern for me because it is jeopardizing the peace process," Urabe said.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Another Tibetan monk sets himself on fire in China

BEIJING (AP)—A British human rights group says another Tibetan Buddhist monk has set himself on fire in a protest against Chinese rule over the Himalayan region. It is the 10th self immolation this year. The London-based Free Tibet group said in a statement that the monk set himself ablaze early Tuesday outside a Tibetan monastery in southwestern Sichuan province's Ganzi prefecture. The group said it was unable to confirm the monk's age or name. At least nine Tibetans in their late teens and 20s have self-immolated since March.

Bombings in Thai south kill 3, wound dozens

PATTANI, Thailand (AP)—Thailand's military said more than a dozen coordinated bomb attacks in the country's insurgency-plagued south Tuesday killed at least three people and injured dozens. The military's Internal Security Operations Command said suspected Muslim insurgents put bombs at 16 locations across the southern town of Yala, including a school, shops and hotels. Authorities defused five of the bombs. The agency said three people were killed, 14 severely injured and 31 slightly injured. The explosions also caused power outages. More than 4,700 people have been killed in Thailand's southernmost Muslim-dominated provinces since an Islamic insurgency flared in 2004.

5.2 quake hits Japan's Fukushima prefecture

NEW YORK (AP)—A moderate earthquake has shaken the northeastern Japanese prefecture where the much more massive earthquake and tsunami touched off the worst nuclear crisis since Chernobyl earlier this year. The 5.2-magnitude quake struck Fukushima Prefecture overnight just after 2 a.m. local time Wednesday (1700 GMT Tuesday). Its epicenter was on the coast near the town of Iwaki, 115 miles (186 km) north of Tokyo. Fukushima was severely hit by the quake and tsunami in March that left more than 21,000 people dead or missing.

Panetta: Asia visit signals forces to be stronger

ON BOARD THE USS BLUE RIDGE (AP)—U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta is telling U.S. sailors in Japan that his Asia visit is meant to stress that U.S. forces in the region will be strengthened, despite looming budget cuts. He also said the U.S. is "on our way to defeating" the al-Qaida terrorist network. Panetta spoke on the flight desk of the USS Blue Ridge, the flagship of the U.S. 7th Fleet. The ship was pierside at Yokosuka naval base in Yokosuka harbor. Later, Panetta was flying to South Korea. Earlier this week he was in Indonesia.

World

Baby emerges from earthquake rubble

ERCIS, Turkey (AP)—After 48 hours, a miracle emerged from the rubble: a 2-week-old baby girl brought out half-naked but alive from the wreckage of an apartment building toppled by Turkey's devastating earthquake.

Rescue workers erupted in cheers and applause Tuesday at sight of the infant—and again hours later when her mother and grandmother were pulled out, their survival a ray of joy on an otherwise grim day.

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ERCIS, Turkey (AP) -- The state-run news agency says a 27-year-old school teacher has been pulled out of a ruined building some 67 hours after a devastating earthquake struck eastern Turkey. Anatolia says the English-language teacher, Gozde Bahar, was freed from the wreck with injuries on Wednesday. It said her heart stopped at a field hospital but doctors managed to revive her. Hours earlier, rescuers also pulled out an 18-year old university student.

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The death toll from Sunday's 7.2-magnitude quake climbed to at least 459 as desperate survivors fought over aid and blocked aid shipments. A powerful aftershock ignited widespread panic that turned into a prison riot in a nearby provincial city.

With thousands of quake survivors facing a third night out in the open in near-freezing temperatures, Turkey set aside its national pride and said it would accept international aid offers, even from Israel, with which it has had strained relations.

Tuesday's dramatic rescue of three generations of one family was all the more remarkable because the infant, Azra Karaduman, was declared healthy after being flown to a hospital in Ankara, the Turkish capital.

AP

Turkish rescuers carry Azra Karaduman, a two-week-old baby girl they have saved from under debris of a collapsed building in Ercis, Van, eastern Turkey, Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2011.

Television footage showed rescuer Kadir Direk in an orange jumpsuit wriggling into a narrow slit in the pile of concrete and metal, then sliding back out with Azra, clad only in a T-shirt.

"Praise be!" someone shouted. "Get out of the way!" another yelled as the aid team and bystanders cleared a path to a waiting ambulance.

"Bringing them out is such happiness. I wouldn't be happier if they gave me tons of money," said rescuer Oytun Gulpinar.

The pockets of jubilation were tempered by many more discoveries of bodies by thousands of aid workers in the worst-hit city of Ercis and other communities in eastern Turkey devastated by the earthquake.

Even rescues were tinged with sadness: 10-year-old Serhat Gur was pulled alive from the rubble of a building after being trapped for 54 hours, only to die a short time later at a hospital, state-run TRT television reported.

Some 2,000 buildings collapsed, but the fact that the quake hit in daytime, when many people were out of their homes, averted an even worse disaster.

Close to 500 aftershocks have rattled the area, according to Turkey's Kandilli seismology center. A strong one on Tuesday sent residents rushing into the streets in panic while sparking a riot by prisoners in the city of Van, 55 miles (90 kilometers) south of Ercis. The U.S. Geological Survey put that temblor at a magnitude of 5.7.

Some prisoners demanded to be let out while others set bedding on fire as the revolt spread inside the 1,000-bed prison, the Dogan news agency reported. Security forces surrounded the facility to try to prevent escapes, while military vehicles fired water cannon at crowds gathered outside in the streets.

WORLD BRIEFS

Swiss police: 1 dead, 14 injured in building blast

GENEVA (AP)—Swiss police say one person has died and 14 are injured after an explosion at an apartment block in the western city of Yverdon-les-Bains. A spokesman for Vaud cantonal (state) police says the blast occurred shortly after 1:30 p.m. Tuesday on the fourth floor of a residential building in the center of the city. The spokesman, Jean-Christophe Sauterel, told The Associated Press that police are still trying to determine the cause of the explosion.

Yemen president calls in US ambassador

SANAA, Yemen (AP)—Yemen's president on Tuesday called in the U.S. ambassador and told him he would sign a deal to step down, a U.S. official said. The embattled leader, who has made that pledge several times before, spoke as violence shook his capital. President Ali Abdullah Saleh informed Ambassador Gerald Feierstein of a new cease-fire, but clashes on the streets threw that into doubt. Activists said seven protesters were killed and 10 wounded.

Hurricane Rina gaining strength on path to Cancun

CANCUN, Mexico (AP)—Mexican authorities set up emergency shelters and cruise ships shifted course on Tuesday as Hurricane Rina strengthened off the Caribbean coast, following a projected track that has it whirling through Cancun and the resort-filled Mayan Riviera, Mexico's most popular tourist destination. Rina's maximum sustained winds have increased to 110 mph (175 kph), said the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami, making it a Category 2 storm.

Venezuelan inmates release hostages at prison

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—Venezuela's top prison official said Tuesday that inmates who had seized more than 50 guards and other prison workers in the Tocuyito lockup have released the final 12 hostages, ending a tense standoff in which prisoners were demanding transfers. Penitentiary Minister Iris Varela said the hostages were released after authorities vowed to transfer hundreds of prisoners to another facility.

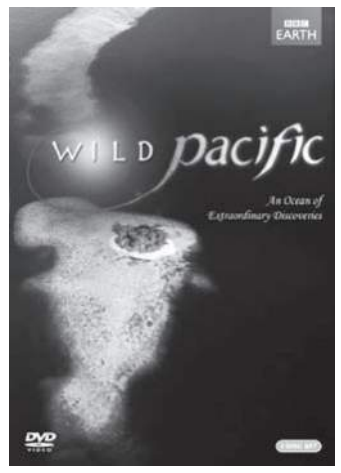
Environment

FIRST FRIDAY FILMS

BBC film looks at the natural history of the Pacific

First Friday Films will be featuring BBC's *Wild Pacific: Ocean of Islands* on Nov. 4, 2011, at the American Memorial Park Visitors Center.

BBC's *Wild Pacific: Ocean of Islands* presents an overview of the natural history of the region. The South Pacific covers a vast area, and less than 1 percent is land, ranging from the Hawaiian Islands north of the equator to New Zealand in the south. On Macquarie Island, the most southerly outpost before Antarctica, springtime sees the arrival of huge numbers of elephant seals. Cold ocean currents flow all the way to the Galápagos Islands, 8,000 miles away, enabling sea lions and penguins to survive on the equator. Isolation has enabled the region's wildlife to evolve in unusual ways. On Metoma, robber crabs, the world's largest terrestrial invertebrates, are filmed massing at night to feed on coconuts. In Hawaii, the most isolated archipelago of all, the caterpillars have turned carnivorous. There is an incredible diversity of human cultures and customs too, despite colonization taking place relatively recently. The men of Pentecost Island leap from timber scaffold towers with only a vine tied to their ankles to break their falls. On small islands such as Anuta, people have fostered strong communities and sustainable hunting, farming, and fishing practices to make up for the limited availability of food. The story of Easter Island, where a whole civilization brought about their own downfall through over-



exploitation of their resources, is a lesson from history.

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The Pacific Historic Parks (formerly the Arizona Memorial Museum Association) Bookstore, located inside the visitor's center, will be open until 8:30pm. All proceeds go to community education programs.

For planning purposes, the movie runs about 80 minutes long. As always, First Friday Films is free and open to the public. Find more information about the film at www.firstfridayfilmssaipan.blogspot.com. Subscribe to the blog for regular updates on upcoming events.

Pruning pointers

By WILLIAM HAGEMAN
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Whether you have a few shrubs around the porch or dozens of trees on your property, a little pruning skill is a terrific asset.

You can save yourself some money, your plants will be healthier and look better for it, and there's a feeling of satisfaction in a job well done.

Katrina Lewin, a horticulturalist at The Morton Arboretum in Lisle, Ill., spends much of her time pruning—50 percent of her workdays during the winter months, she says.

There are some basics that every gardener or homeowner should know. Lewin explained them as she applied her skills to a witch hazel that needed some work.

TOOLS OF THE TRADE

Lewin relies mostly on three items: a long-handled lopper, a hand pruner and a folding hand saw. The first two should have bypass blades (they operate like scissors) that should be sharpened once a year or so, depending on use. The lopper requires both of your hands; the hand pruners (or shears) need just one hand. The folding hand saw, such as Felco's F-600 (we found one on Amazon.com for $30), looks small but is a workhorse.

For trees, you're usually looking to create a dominant, central leader—a main stem growing straight up to define the vertical structure—and which will result in a stronger tree. For shrubs, you want to create a more pleasing shape and/or to spread the branches out to create a better air flow for the plant.

For trees, winter and late fall are the best time; Lewin likes to be done by late March. "You don't want to prune when insects are active; you don't want to create wounds that will attract them," she says.

For shrubs, "it depends on when they flower," she says. "Spring-flowering shrubs (should be pruned) right after they flower (and before) they'll be setting their buds for the next spring. Summer-flowering shrubs can be pruned in the fall or winter dormant season."

Lewin says she generally has a set of steps or priorities. For trees or shrubs, the first step is to cut away dead or damaged branches. Then thin out congested areas. With trees, next go for any branches that are competing with that central leader. For a shrub, take out crossing branches and do some shaping for symmetry.

Take your time, especially with trees. While a shrub sends up shoots from the ground all the time, trees are more permanent. If you botch the job and make a bad cut at that central leader, the tree will look like ... well, like you botched the job.

For tree branches, cut just beyond the branch collar—the natural swelling an inch or two away from the main leader; do not cut flush to the tree. On a branch, cut at a branch union, not mid-branch—"otherwise you'll have a stub that will just die," Lewin says.

The Arboretum tries to prune each tree every year. Young trees get a lighter trim, and no tree should have more than 20 percent of its live branches trimmed in a year. For shrubs, Lewin says, "you can be very aggressive. There are some that can tolerate being cut to the ground and they'll come back." Also, if you're working on a shrub and thin or cut the foliage at the bottom, leave some in case something happens to the older branches higher up.

PRUNING KNOW-HOW

Safety measures and proper sanitation principles (such as keeping the tools clean to prevent introducing disease or infection to the plants) are useful. For additional information on these topics, and more:

- These websites have good information on pruning trees and shrubs: The University of Illinois Extension offers detailed advice on specific pruning tasks, including roses. Go to urbanext.illinois.edu (click on Hort Corner, then Trees and Shrubs). Other useful sites include the U.S. Forest Service (na.fs.fed.us, then type "prune trees" in the search field; information on shrubs is here too) and Fine Gardening's website (finegardening.com, then click on "How To" and choose "Pruning" from the drop-down list).
- "The Pruning Book" (Taunton Press) by Lee Reich. The second edition, released in 2010, is filled with useful photos and covers just about any topic or concern that will crop up.

Top 5 solutions to e-waste

By TERRI BENNETT
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

Do Your Part

The season of gadgets will soon be upon us. There will be the "must-have" cell phones, tablets, computers, gaming devices, and all the rest of it. So what happens to your old electronics once you've upgraded? Do Your Part and don't let it go to waste. Here are my Top 5 Solutions to E-Waste.

1) Trade-in for cash or gift cards

Don't trash your electronics in a landfill. They not only contaminate our environment with toxic heavy metals but they're also still quite valuable! There are many websites devoted to giving you cash or gift cards for your unwanted gadgets. EBay's Instant Sale program allows users to instantly sell or recycle their old electronic devices like laptops, camcorders, PDAs and more. They and other sites such as NextWorth and Gazzelle do the same thing and offer prepaid shipping labels. And, you won't have to guess how much it's worth, the websites give you that information in seconds.

2) Donate to Goodwill's ReConnect Program

If you have a computer, hard drive, or printer you are willing to donate, Goodwill's 'Reconnect' program is ideal. The non-profit and Dell partner on 'Reconnect' so nearly 2,000 participating Goodwill locations across the U.S. will accept any brand of computer equipment. Goodwill either sells or responsibly recycles the products and all the money made is used to create job training and employment opportunities for people in your community. Goodwill also takes care of wiping all of the personal information off of working hard drives.

3) Give cell phones to soldiers and other good causes

Cell Phones for Soldiers is another non-profit organization about which I am passionate. It provides prepaid calling cards for U.S. troops stationed overseas with every donated cell phone they receive. March of Dimes, Keep America Beautiful and Call To Protect are other non-profits that collect cell phones for their missions.

4) Reconsider your upgrade

Before you upgrade to a new cell phone or other device, take a good look at the item you are about to stop using. Do you really need the latest model or does the one you have now do the job? Curbing some of our electronic impulse buys will help keep even more e-waste out of our landfills.

5) Get involved

Take action where you live to help people responsibly recycle e-waste. Every state and community has different rules on regulating e-waste. The Electronics Take Back Coalition tracks e-waste laws state-by-state and works to promote manufacturer responsibility.

The season of giving is just around the corner but it's important to remember to Do Your Part for the planet at the same time. One important way is by being responsible with the outdated electronics you or your loved ones will no longer be using.

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Life & Style

Chaz Bono is the latest star to exit 'Dancing'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Chaz Bono has gotten his walking papers on "Dancing with the Stars."

Tuesday's edition of the hit ABC show marked the last dance for Bono. Despite his cheerful, spirited style, he had struggled from the beginning and came in last in the judges' assessment the night before.

When he got the bad news, the transgender activist said he had come on the program "to show America a different kind of man."

"If there was somebody like me on TV when I was growing up, my whole life would have been different," he said.

Soccer star Hope Solo, who also was in jeopardy, avoided being sent home and will stay in contention.

Along with her, five other celebrities remain in the contest: actors David Arquette and J.R. Martinez, reality TV personality Rob Kardashian, and TV hosts Ricki Lake and Nancy Grace. Judges' scores combined with viewer votes determine who is kicked off the show each week.

Monday's episode had included insults, an animal comparison and two nearly perfect performances.

A heated exchange between professional dancer Maksim Chmerkovskiy and head judge Len Goodman stole the spotlight from first-place finishers Lake and Martinez.

AP

In this Oct. 24, 2011 image released by ABC, Chaz Bono, right, and his partner Lacey Schwimmer perform on the dancing competition series "Dancing with the Stars," in Los Angeles.

Chmerkovskiy and his partner, Solo, landed near the bottom of the judges' leaderboard Monday. With 20 points out of 30, they finished just ahead of Bono, in last place with 19 points.

When Goodman called Solo's rumba "your worst dance of the whole season," Chmerkovskiy suggested the judge get out of the dance business.

Chmerkovskiy told one of the show's hosts that the judges seem to pick on certain contestants, and he kept up the conversation after Monday's episode.

"The judges have their favorites," he said. "They always have."

Bono's professional partner, Lacey Schwimmer, agreed.

"They always have their favorites, and this season it's completely clear who they are. I won't name names, but we are not one of them," she said. "I'm actually proud of what Maks said. A lot of us don't get the chance to stand up for us and our partners."

Schwimmer cried backstage during Monday's episode and was still upset after the show, when she complained about the judges' "rude" remarks about Bono.

"Every week he gets referred to as an animal," she said. "They always comment on his personality, and last I checked, this was a dancing show."

After the couple danced their tango, judge Bruno Tonioli said Bono was like "a cute little penguin trying to be a big menacing bird of prey." Tonioli had also compared Bono to an Ewok.

Cowell talks voting by social media on 'X Factor'

NEW YORK (AP)—Simon Cowell doesn't use Twitter but he wants "X Factor" fans to use the site to vote for their favorite contestants.

Cowell

The Fox show announced Tuesday that beginning Nov. 2, fans can cast a ballot by sending a direct message over Twitter to the official "X Factor" account. Viewers can also cast a ballot on the show's Facebook page and its official website.

"It's a sign of the times," said Cowell, who believes more votes will come in as a result of expanding the process.

"Sites like Twitter and Facebook give (the audience) a much bigger voice."

Aside from social media, votes can be sent the old fashioned way, by making a phone call or sending a text message and by using a special App created for Verizon Android devices.

Cowell uses the Internet to gauge what people think of the series so far. He goes online during and after the show to see what people are saying and plans to join Twitter once he learns "how to type quicker."

The show is averaging about 12.5 million viewers an episode, but one thing that's hindered it in recent weeks is the Major League Baseball World Series. Games on Fox have pre-empted the show leading to confusion among viewers and causing some DVRs to not record "X Factor."

Cowell says the conflict has been frustrating but they "knew in advance this was going to happen." He believes the ratings have been consistent so far and word of mouth will get people to tune in.

On Tuesday's first live show, five acts were cut leaving 12 remaining contestants. With the competition heating up, so has the tension among its judges, who are each mentoring a class of contestants. Cowell has the girls. LA Reid is mentoring the boys. Paula Abdul is helping the groups and Nicole Scherzinger has the solo acts over 30-years-old.

Cowell says Abdul claims to have the hardest category to mentor, but disagrees with her. He mentored the groups in the U.K. version of the show and "loved doing it."

"Right now each judge has someone in their category who could win the show," he said. "But if I had to bet on it, I'd back me."

Tearful nurse testifies about warning to Jackson

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A sometimes tearful nurse testified Tuesday that her efforts to save Michael Jackson from the drug he craved for sleep were rebuffed by the star who insisted he needed the powerful anesthetic that eventually killed him.

Cherilyn Lee, a nurse practitioner who tried to shift Jackson to holistic sleep aids in the months before he died, said the singer told her Dipravan, a brand name for propofol, was the only thing that would knock him out and induce the sleep he needed.

He told Lee he had experienced the drug once during surgery.

Lee almost didn't testify. She sat down in the witness box then said she felt dizzy before starting to cry.

"This is just very sensitive for me," she explained.

Superior Court Judge Michael Pastor had her taken to another room to rest, and she returned 20 minute later saying she felt better. She became tearful again while testifying that she had warned Jackson not to take the drug.

The day was also marked by poignant testimony from the head of AEG, the concert giant that planned Jackson's ill-fated "This Is It" shows in London.

Randy Phillips, the company president and chief executive officer who first proposed the concert to Jackson, said the star was excited and committed to restarting his career in London, where he could settle down with his children on a country estate "so they wouldn't be living as vagabonds."

"It was emotional," said Phillips. "I cried."

"Did he cry?" asked defense attorney Ed Chernoff.

"Yes," Phillips said softly.

Lee told of coming into Jackson's life at the beginning of 2009 and leaving just before Dr. Conrad Murray arrived. Murray has pleaded not guilty to involuntary manslaughter and is accused of giving Jackson a fatal dose of the drug Lee would not give him.

Lee recalled a meeting with the superstar at his rented mansion two months before his death.

"He was sitting very close to me," she said. "He looked at me and said, 'I have a lot of difficulty sleeping. I've tried a lot of things and I need something that will make me fall asleep right away. I need Dipravan."

Lee had never heard of the drug but did research and later told Jackson it was too dangerous to use in a home.

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Logan Lerman, Milla Jovovich
Adventure • Rated PG 13

Synopsis
The Three Musketeers ride again in this three-dimensional revamp from Impact Pictures and writer/producer Paul W.S. Anderson (Alien vs. Predator, Resident Evil). Percy Jackson & the Olympians' Logan Lerman toplines as D'Artagnan, the brash young man who bands up with the famed trio (Luke Evans, Matthew Macfadyen, and Ray Stevenson) to fight the corrupt the dreaded Cardinal Richelieu (Christoph Waltz). Mads Mikkelsen and Milla Jovovich co-star in the Summit Entertainment release.

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Henry Joost and Ariel Schulman, directing
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Synopsis
The Paranormal Activity franchise continues with this third outing from Paramount Pictures. Oren Peli and Jason Blum return to produce the highly secretive feature, with Catfish's directing duo of Henry Joost and Ariel Schulman taking on the helming duties.

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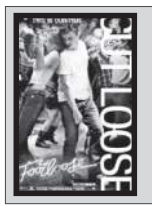

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The Thing
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Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Ulrich Thomsen
Science fiction, Horror • Rated R

Real Steel
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Sunday 1:30 4:30 7:30
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Hugh Jackman, Dakota Goyo
Science fiction/Drama • Rated PG 13

Dolphin Tales
Friday 4:00 7:00 9:30
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Daniel Craig, Naomi Watts
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CBS: Andy Rooney hospitalized in serious condition

NEW YORK (AP)—Andy Rooney, who delivered his last essay on "60 Minutes" three weeks ago, was in the hospital Tuesday after developing serious complications following surgery.

CBS said the 92-year-old writer's condition was stable and, at the request of his family, offered no other information about his medical problems or where he was hospitalized.

The three-time Emmy-winner was a regular presence on television's most popular newsmagazine. Since 1978, "A Few Minutes with Andy Rooney" wrapped up the Sunday night program, often with a look at the absurdities of life and language.

Rooney could talk about what was in the news or what was in his closet. One of his Emmy Awards was for an essay about whether there was a real Mrs. Smith behind Mrs. Smith's Pies.

On Oct. 2, he delivered his 1,097th and final essay, saying it was a moment he dreaded.

"I wish I could do this forever. I can't, though," he said.

True to his often cantankerous nature, Rooney noted that he hated being recognized on the street. So if you see him in a restaurant, he said as he signed off, "please, just let me eat my dinner."

He's had a long career as a writer, and that's how he saw himself. He worked for the military newspaper Stars and Stripes and wrote four books about World War II. He wrote for entertainment personalities Arthur Godfrey and Garry Moore and had a longtime partnership with newsman Harry Reasoner. With "60 Minutes" looking for something new at the end of its show, Rooney's first essay appeared on July 2, 1978: a complaint about people who kept track of how many people died in auto accidents over holiday weekends.

AP

In this Aug. 9, 2009 file photo, "60 Minutes" commentator Andy Rooney, center, leaves the Celebration of Life Memorial ceremony for Walter Cronkite at Avery Fisher Hall in New York.

Woman sentenced to prison for celebrity break-in

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A woman who pleaded no contest to breaking into reality television starlet Audrina Patridge's home was sentenced to four years in state prison Tuesday.

Rachel Lee is the second member of the so-called "Bling Ring" to be sentenced for their roles in a rash of break-ins at celebrities' homes that netted more than $3 million in high-end goods.

The group targeted the homes of stars such as Orlando Bloom, Paris Hilton, Lindsay Lohan and others before members of the ring were arrested in late 2009.

Lee, 21, was arrested in January 2010 and later pleaded no contest to the February 2009 burglary at the Hollywood Hills home of Patridge, who starred in MTV's "The Hills."

More than $25,000 in designer luggage, jewelry, clothing and shoes were taken from Patridge's home, according to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office. A hearing will be held at a later date to determine how much Lee has to re-pay.

Superior Court Judge Larry Fidler dismissed a conspiracy to commit burglary charge and two counts of receiving stolen property that had been filed against Lee. The judge had previously dismissed a charge against Lee related to the Lohan burglary.

Four other alleged members of the crew, including accused ringleader Nicholas Prugo, are awaiting trial.

Alexis Neiers, an aspiring model and star of the E! Entertainment Television show "Pretty Wild," pleaded no contest in May 2010 to burglarizing Orlando Bloom's home and was sentenced to six months in jail and three years of probation.

Patridge testified before a grand jury about returning to her home on Oscar night 2009 and finding it had been looted.

"So I locked myself in the closet," Patridge told the grand jury, according to transcripts. "And I was still on the phone with my sister and I was afraid to hang up, because I didn't know if someone was still in my house, or, you know. I just wanted to be safe." The starlet never appeared in court on Lee's case.

AMC renews 'The Walking Dead' for 3rd season

NEW YORK (AP)—"The Walking Dead" will live on for yet another year.

AMC network said on Tuesday that its hit zombie drama, just two weeks into a second season, will be returning for a third season.

Sunday's episode drew an audience of 6.7 million viewers for the early airing and another 2.1 million viewers for the same-night repeat.

That eclipsed the year-ago audience for the series, which emerged as a surprise hit by averaging 5.2 million viewers weekly during that first season.

Based on the popular comic book of the same name, "The Walking Dead" depicts the aftermath of a zombie apocalypse confronted by a group of survivors outside Atlanta. Its cast includes Andrew Lincoln, Jon Bernthal and Sarah Wayne Callies.

Paraguay: Aerosmith's Tyler hurt in hotel fall

ASUNCION, Paraguay (AP)—Organizers say an Aerosmith concert in Paraguay will be postponed one day after singer Steven Tyler fell in his hotel bathroom, hitting his face and breaking two teeth.

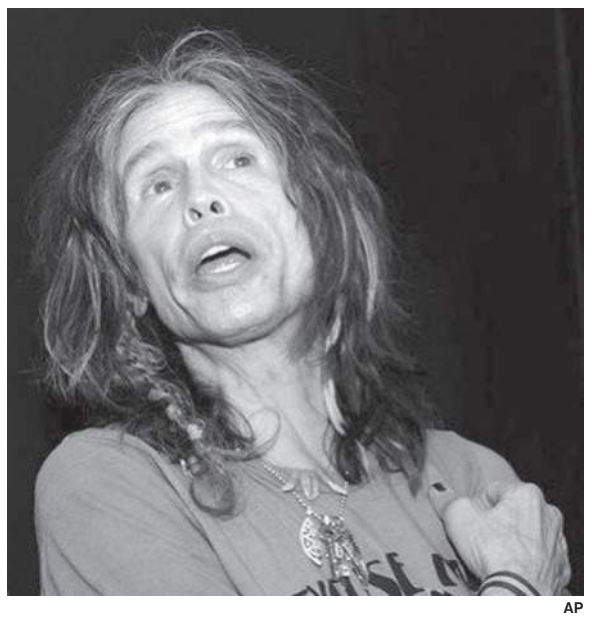
Garzia Group spokesman Marcelo Antunez is calling the accident "minor" and says the concert will be held on Wednesday.

Antunez said Tuesday that Tyler was treated at a local hospital for cuts on his face and received two dental implants for the lost teeth.

He said the 63-year-old singer was "once again in the Bourbon hotel" recovering for the concert.

Antunez says it will be the first time Aerosmith has played in Paraguay and organizers expected more than 50,000 people will attend the concert.

The concert was originally scheduled for Tuesday.



AP

In this Aug. 3, 2009 file photo, Aerosmith lead singer Steven Tyler speaks during a news conference in Deadwood, S.D.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

MTV trains its cameras on Occupy Wall Street

NEW YORK (AP)—The Occupy Wall Street movement will occupy MTV for an episode of its documentary series "True Life." The network says the show will follow three young people on the front lines in Zuccotti Park in lower Manhattan. MTV embedded its cameras over a two-week period to capture protesters' activities and explore what motivates them. Bryan joined the protest to express his disgust at the relationship that government has with big business. Kait and Caitlin are college students worried they won't be able to find jobs when they graduate. The episode is scheduled to air Nov. 5 at 6 p.m. Eastern. Occupy Wall Street began a month ago in New York. It has since grown to encompass hundreds of protests around the U.S. and the world.

Cowboys QB Romo, wife expecting child

DALLAS (AP)—Tony Romo casually dropped some big news on a student assembly at a suburban Dallas school: His wife is pregnant. During an appearance at Cedar Hill High School on Tuesday, a student asked the Dallas Cowboys quarterback if he had any children. Romo replied that he didn't, but added, "I've actually got one on the way. My wife's pregnant." The Romos expect the arrival in March. Romo and former TV sports reporter Candice Crawford married on May 28.

Shah Rukh Khan brings Bollywood's 'Ra.One' to UK

LONDON (AP)—Shah Rukh Khan sent his fans wild Tuesday at the U.K. premiere of his new Bollywood blockbuster "Ra.One." The Hindi film icon and co-stars Kareena Kapoor and Arjun Rampal received a huge reception on the red carpet at London's 02 Arena. "Ra.One" sees Khan take the lead as Shekhar, an embarrassing father who creates an amazing game in a bid to impress his streetwise son. Unfortunately, the plan backfires when the game turns against them. A 3D science fiction-superhero adventure may seem like quite a change from usual Bollywood films, but Khan insists that it's "not so different." "We still have singing and dancing, so it's all there," he said. Indian media say the special effects-heavy movie is set to be Bollywood's biggest-ever release, opening in approximately 5,000 screens worldwide. Khan, however, says it's not been made to try to compete with Hollywood blockbusters.

Reconnection may be rocky for birth mom and daughter

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: Years ago, I placed my daughter for adoption. The circumstances that led me to make the decision were compelling. After 18 years, I was surprised and elated to hear from her. She's 23, has a child of her own and is engaged to be married. I tried to maintain communication, but she stopped corresponding.

After a period of not wanting to talk, she is now trying to get back in touch with me and her siblings. We're unsure what to think about this and questioning her motives. Does she truly want us to be involved with her and her daughter? Or is this a way to get gifts for her child and her upcoming wedding?

I would like to discuss this with her, but I'm hesitant for fear of losing her again. I always wanted a relationship with my daughter. I'm confused and afraid of being hurt again. What can I do?

BIRTH MOM IN WISCONSIN

DEAR BIRTH MOM: By all means have a discussion with your daughter, but do it in reference to the fact that you were puzzled and hurt when she suddenly ceased communication with you. Let her explain what led to it. She may have been dealing with mixed emotions, which seems logical to me.

Because you want a relationship with her, you may have to accept that it will proceed in fits and starts—and may not blossom the way you might wish it to. You'll know more as you get to know her better.

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DEAR ABBY: My mom goes overboard with gifts for my two sons when she goes on vacation or when she shops for birthdays and Christmas. I have asked her to scale back and not buy them each a box full of stuff. I tried to be tactful, but she said they "expect" Grandma to give them stuff.

The problem is she gives them random things that hold no interest for them. My sons are always kind and thank her, but their rooms are packed full of toys, many never opened, because they have too much stuff.

When I asked Mom to just give the boys a book about the next place she visits, she became defensive. I don't know how to tell her in a way she'll understand that she's wasting her hard-earned money on gifts my children won't use or have no interest in. Can you help me?

TOO MUCH STUFF IN IOWA

DEAR TOO MUCH: Try something like this: "Mom, you are a generous sweetheart, but you are giving them too much stuff. They're INUNDATED! There are toys in their rooms that have never been opened because they have outgrown them. That's why this year we are donating the unopened ones to a homeless shelter. It hurts me to see you spend money on items the boys don't use—so please, cut back on the number of gifts, and before spending your hard-earned money, ask me what they can use."

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DEAR ABBY: I have become close friends with an elderly lady, "Adele." Unfortunately, I don't know her family. I care for Adele and would like to be contacted if anything ever happened to her or if she was not able to call me herself. Would it be appropriate to ask her to have her family call me if she ever has an emergency?

SOMEONE WHO CARES, ANDOVER, MINN.

DEAR SOMEONE: Yes, it would, and I'm sure Adele would be touched if you suggested it.

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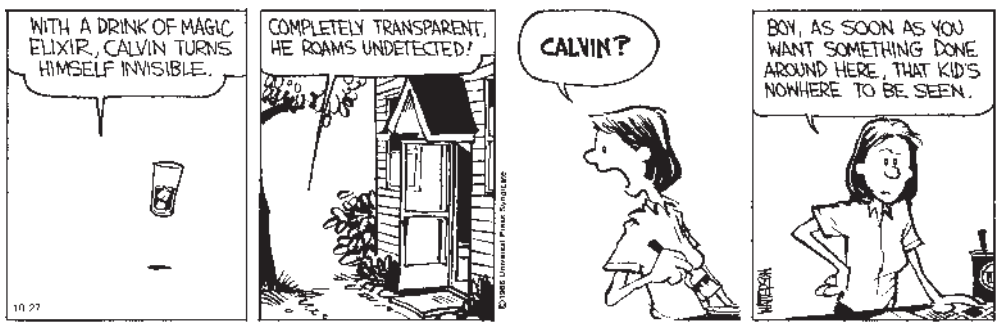
Pastimes

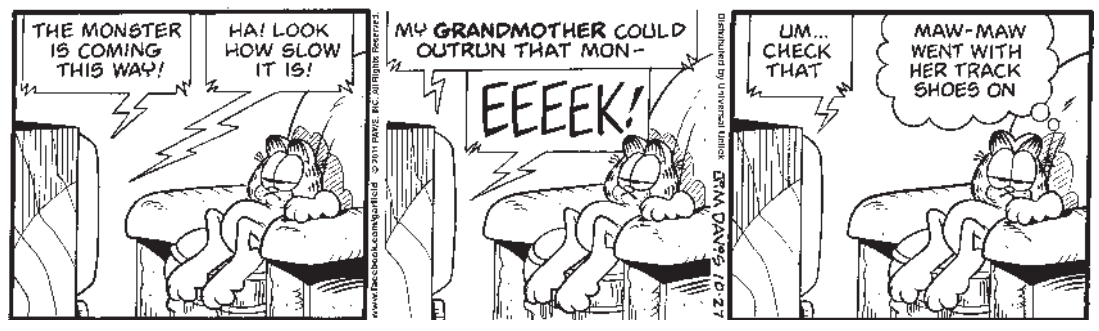
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


WITH A DRINK OF MAGIC ELIXIR, CALVIN TURNS HIMSELF INVISIBLE.
COMPLETELY TRANSPARENT, HE ROAMS UNDETECTED!
CALVIN?
BOY, AS SOON AS YOU WANT SOMETHING DONE AROUND HERE, THAT KID'S NOWHERE TO BE SEEN.

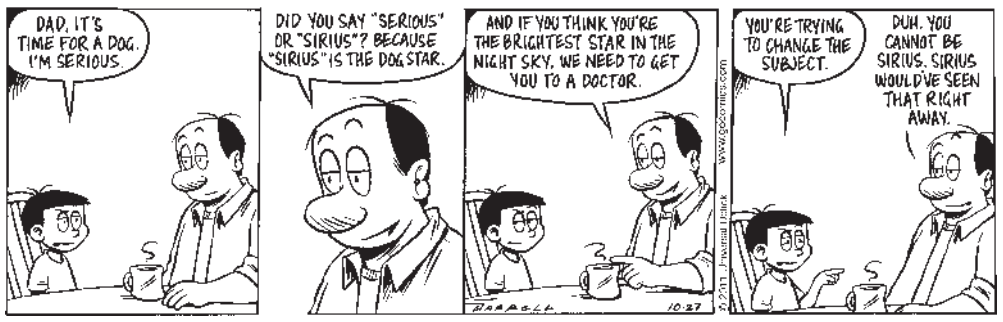
Garfield®

By Jim Davis


THE MONSTER IS COMING THIS WAY!
HA! LOOK HOW SLOW IT IS!
MY GRANDMOTHER COULD OUTRUN THAT MON-
EEEEK!
UM... CHECK THAT
MAW-MAW WENT WITH HER TRACK SHOES ON

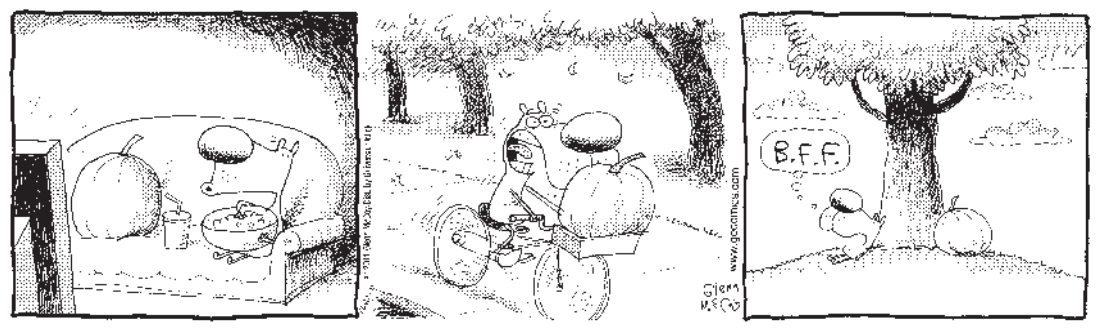
Adam@home

By Bryan Basset


DAD, IT'S TIME FOR A DOG. I'M SERIOUS.
DID YOU SAY "SERIOUS" OR "SIRIUS"? BECAUSE "SIRIUS" IS THE DOG STAR.
AND IF YOU THINK YOU'RE THE BRIGHTEST STAR IN THE NIGHT SKY, WE NEED TO GET YOU TO A DOCTOR.
YOU'RE TRYING TO CHANGE THE SUBJECT.
DUH. YOU CANNOT BE SIRIUS. SIRIUS WOULD'VE SEEN THAT RIGHT AWAY.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Sweet potato
4 Wyoming neighbor
8 Medicinal amount
12 Id counterpart
13 The Eternal City
14 Physical
15 Baby picture?
17 Options list
18 Raw rock
19 Shenanigans
21 Those who shun animal products
24 Yuletide beverage
25 Listener
26 Car : jalopy :: boat : —
28 Hayseed
32 Memo acronym
34 — de plume
36 Queen of Carthage
37 Madagascar critter
39 Crony
41 Cover
42 Storm center
44 "In Cold Blood" author
46 Rues
50 Huge
51 Berry touted as a superfood
52 Type of 3-D image
56 Collins or Donahue
57 Eastern bigwig
58 Hearty brew
59 Carry
60 Agts.
61 Speedometer stat

DOWN
1 "Of course"
2 Past
3 Decorative lettering
4 High-priority
5 Anderson's "High —"
6 Oriental nursemaid
7 Confine
8 Nearly divine one
9 The yoke's on them
10 Foundered
11 Ostriches' kin
16 Manmouse link
20 Bliss
21 — scallopini
22 Relaxation
23 Baltimore newspaper
27 Jazzy style
29 Mass measure
30 Tend texts
31 Source of riches
33 Childish
35 Buddy
38 Catcher's place
40 Hercules had 12
43 Old anesthetic
45 Glutton
46 Engrossed
47 Reverberate
48 Pace
49 Unspecified amount
53 Back talk
54 Matterhorn, e.g.
55 Expression of disinterest

Solution time: 25 mins.

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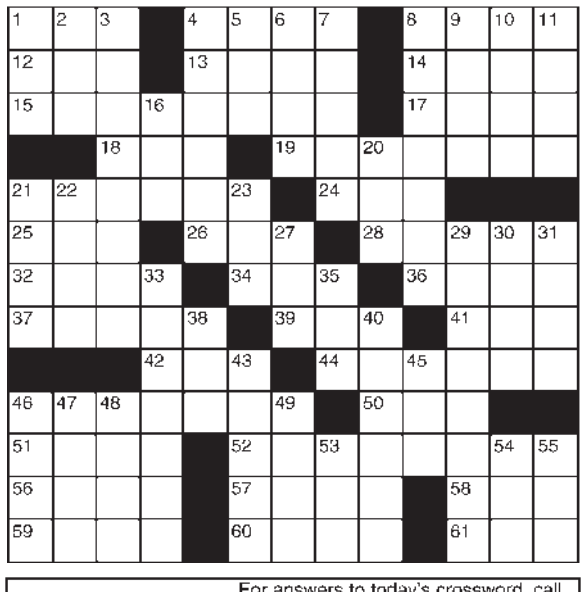
Yesterday's answer 10-27



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Kelly Osbourne, 27; Patrick Fugit, 29; Peter Firth, 58; John Cleese, 72.

Happy Birthday: Opportunity knocks, but if you don't open the door, nothing will happen. You must make your skills and plans work with the current times. Adjust your outlook and your strategies to better fit the economic situation you face and you will find a way to put yourself in demand. Your numbers are 3, 16, 22, 24, 30, 41, 47.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Money matters will be stressful. Don't let anyone push you to make a decision that could end up being costly. Take your time and refuse to reveal your thoughts. Honesty is important, but you must also avoid controversy in order to bypass obstacles. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Think outside the box. Look at the possibilities and consider a partnership that offers equality. Don't feel like you have to alter your lifestyle or your beliefs. Now is the time to lead, not follow. An intimate encounter will ease your stress. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Don't look at the negative occurrences in your life. For every door that closes, another will open. Focus on how you can drum up greater opportunities to turn what you have to offer into a marketable commodity. Put fears aside and proceed with confidence. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Network, socialize and share your ideas with people who contribute as much as you. Making basic changes to your image or the way you think will be beneficial and will help you determine how to utilize your experience and skills to the maximum. ✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): A day trip or a new experience will stimulate your mind. Dealing with foreigners or taking part in a community event will lead to a change of heart. Avoid domestic disputes. Arguing won't solve anything. Overspending will cause family stress. ✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Communication will bring about opportunities to expand your interests and your friendships. Someone may misinterpret your intentions, leading to a jealous or competitive reaction. Love is highlighted, and a relationship that is important to you should be nurtured. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Revisit what you've left undone personally, financially or legally. Tie up loose ends before you face criticism. Taking care of any debt that is hanging over your head or collecting what's owed to you will ease your stress. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Take control of the situation before someone else does. Open up about how you feel and what you want to see happen. If someone disagrees, consider whether the person is a hindrance or an asset. Apply a little pressure to get your way. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Secrets may be revealed, causing a turn of events that will leave you responsible for making an important decision. Make yourself scarce until you have a better handle on the situation and you feel confident about making the necessary changes. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Call the shots. Your evaluations will be well received, putting you in an ideal position to make the changes you feel will benefit everyone concerned. Don't let someone from your past disrupt your life or your choices. Respect your loved ones. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Don't venture too far off the beaten track. You'll face criticism and opposition if you are too vocal or if you get involved in groups or organizations that have a different objective than you. Avoid overindulgence and don't take on too much. ✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): You can make a good financial move if you consolidate or set a new budget. Personal, financial and business contracts will bring positive opportunities. Love is in the stars, and joining forces with someone will help cut your overhead. ✪✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are passionate, relentless, engaging, entrepreneurial, charming and forceful.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

	6			1			4	
4		3	6		8	9		7
	5			9			8	
9		1	4		7	5		2
	1			3			5	
2		9	5		1	7		4

Difficulty Level ★★★ 10/27

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

5	3	4	8	9	2	1	7	6
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6	9	1	3	4	7	5	8	2
8	5	6	1	2	3	4	9	7
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1	4	7	9	5	6	2	3	8
3	1	8	5	6	4	7	2	9
4	7	5	2	8	9	3	6	1
2	6	9	7	3	1	8	5	4

Difficulty Level ★★★ 10/26

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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P	U	L	O	U	D	S	D	E	K	C	O	L	B	S
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Yesterday's Answer: Logos

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ASIA PACIFIC INDUSTRIES, INC. is looking for

General Manager (1): Manage the day to day operations of the company, covering industrial equipment sales and services, repairs and maintenance of power station, industrial and commercial projects, commercial printing, and procurement of equipment and materials. Prepare budget and manpower requirements. Submit bid proposals, covering but not limited to, preparation of equipment specifications, estimates, and documents. Deep knowledge of installation, operation, electrical and mechanical repairs and maintenance of equipment and machineries in utilities, power generation, transmission and distribution, and commercial and industrial establishments. Excellent written and oral communication skills. Minimum 10 years progressive experience in engineering management. Relevant degree preferred.

Wholesale Parts Salesman (1): Knowlegeable and able to promote & sell hydraulic, pneumatic & power tools & equipment, pumps, motors, measuring instruments & tools, industrial chemicals, oil & lubricants & spare parts for light & heavy equipment. Able to conduct technical presentation and possess skill & knowledge on methods for promoting & selling technical products & services. Excellent written and oral communication skills. Minimum 5 years experience on electrical/mechanical parts sales. Relevant degree preferred.

Offset Press Operator (1): Set up, operate various types of printing equipment, such as but not limited to, offset, numbering, cutting, and embossing machines. Prepare graphic lay out and plates. Able to prepare estimates. Minimum 5 years experience with high school diploma.

Electrical Technician (3): Set up and utilize electrical diagnostic test equipment and instruments. Analyze and trouble shoot programmable logic controllers, electro mechanical, electronic motor starters and drives, and auto electrical. Rewind electric motors, generators, and transformers. Able to read and interpret electrical plans and schematic diagrams and prepare estimates. Minimum 3 to 5 years experience with high school diploma.

Mechanical Technician (1): Analyze and trouble shoot industrial equipment such as steam boilers, diesel generators, reverse osmosis, pneumatic, hydraulic systems, and related industrial equipment. Perform welding and plumbing works and repair equipment foundation. Able to interpret equipment plans and drawings and prepare estimates. Minimum 5 years experience with high school diploma.

Carpenter (1): Install structures or fixtures i.e., cabinets, windows, doors, frames, flooring, trim or hardware using hand or power tools. Able to read and interpret construction plans and drawings and prepare estimates. Minimum 5 years experience.

Painter(1): Apply paint, varnish or other finishes to equipment, buildings or other structures using brushes, spray guns or rollers. Able to read and interpret construction plans and drawings and prepare estimates. Minimum 5 years experience.

HVAC Sheet Metal (1): Fabricate and install HVAC ducts, determine project requirements and scope of works. Able to interpret construction plans and drawings and prepare estimates. Minimum 5 years experience.

Submit application not later than November 4, 2011 at ASIA PACIFIC INDUSTRIES, INC., P.O. Box 503360, Saipan, MP 96950 or email at asiapac@pticom.com, or call 235-5454.

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Make it your daily habit.

Job Vacancy Announcement
1 - Construction Supervisor
1 - Carpenter

Must have at least 3 years work experience in construction business.

Interested Qualified US Workers can drop resume to ASC Arch Structure Corporation Chalan Kiya, Saipan

CARLOS GENERAL COMMERCIAL SERVICES/DVA CATERING
Is looking for:

(3) COOK – WITH 5 YEARS EXPERIENCE, HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE

(8) HELPER – WITH 2 YEARS EXPERIENCE, HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE

Contact Ms. Jenny Borja – Admin at 788-1401
Ms. Fe Cabrera – Owner

Job Vacancy Announcement

2-CATV PLANT-BROAD BAND TECHNICIAN
1-CATV PLANT HEADEND/BENCH TECHNICAN

Interested applicants may submit your application to CNMI Cable Vision, LLC. PO Box 501298, Saipan, MP 96950.
Tel. 235-4628 or email mcv.service@saipan.com

Job Vacancy Announcement
Dive Marianas Corporation

1 General Manager

Must have PADI License. At least 5 years work experience as Dive Shop Manager.

Compensation commensurate experience

Interested Qualified US Workers can e-mail resume to divemarianasinc@gmailcom

Hong Ye Trading Company
P.O. Box 502997 Saipan, MP 96950
Vacancy Announcement for US workers'

3-Mason, 4-Carpenters, 1-Electrician
Minimum of 2 to 5 yrs experience.
Salary $5.05 per hour. Call 235-8748.
Email tomastchong@gmail.com
or call 888-5748

Job Vacancy Announcement

Christian Education Director
Must know how to speak and teach Korean
Minimum of 3 years experience

Email resume to saipan@hanmail.net
Tel: 235-7777 or 288-7777
P.O. BOX 503071 SAIPAN, MP 96950

IMMANUEL MISSION METHODIST CHURCH

DKSH Saipan, Inc.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(3) Part-time Sales Associates
3 yrs experience and High School graduate required.

Submit your resume via email to caronel@saipan.com or apply in person at Caronel Watch Center in Garapan.

Grace Christian Academy
Job Vacancy Announcement

(1) Kinder Teacher &
(1) Elementary Teacher

Qualifications: Holder of Bachelor's degree in education; At least 5 years teaching experience preferably in a Christian school; Must be ACSI certified; Must be willing to submit to the doctrinal beliefs of the school Must adhere to all school policies and procedure Preferably ACSI certified

Download application form at www.gca-nmi.com Submit completed application to Grace Christian Academy, Navy Hill, Saipan, Mp 96950 GCA is accredited with the Association of Christian Schools International.

Job Vacancy Announcement

10 – Commercial Cleaners
3 – Houseworker

Minimum wage. Must have at least 2 years work experience.

Please submit resume with attached copies of drivers license, police clearance and health certificate ISLAND CLEANERS ENT, INC. P.O. Box 500941, Saipan MP 96950

Job Vacancy Announcement

JAPAN ENTERPRISES CORP. DBA CLUB MICRONESIA

15 **DANCERS**
Qualifications:
- At least 21 – 25 years old with pleasing personality.
- 2 – 3 years in Dancing experience especially Cultural and Variety Dance Skills.
- Full time with flexible working hours
- Salary $5.05/hr.
- Japanese speaking preferred.

10 **WAITRESS**
Qualifications:
- At least 21 – 25 years old with pleasing personality.
- 2 – 3 years experience as a Waitress in a bar or in an Entertainment Business.
- Full time with flexible working hours.
- Salary $5.05/hr.
- Japanese speaking preferred.

Please mail your resume to P.O. Box 502589 Saipan, MP 96950 or Contact our Office at Tel.: (670) 233-1545 between 2:30PM to 9:00PM.

Philippine Goods Construction, Inc.
is looking for

1 – GENERAL MANAGER
Salary: $15.00 - $21.00/hr
With 10 yrs experience on office, personnel and engineering operations particularly in construction business. Must have a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering. At least 5 yrs experience as Civil Engineer. Proficient in AutoCAD and Microsoft Office.

Interested Qualified US Workers must e-mail resume to vphilippinegoods@yahoo.com

Job Vacancy Announcement

(1) Diesel Mechanic – Technical School graduate w/ 5 yrs. experience as diesel mechanic & millwright in power plant

(2) Automotive/Diesel Mechanic – with minimum of 5 yrs. experience

(1) Accountant – Minimum of 5 yrs. experience in general accounting, proficient in various computer softwares: Peachtree Accounting, Microsoft Office Word, Excel and Outlook. Must be able to work independently with minimum supervision and has excellent Organizational skills in dealing with financial & numeric data. Must have excellent communication skills.

Contact: PMIC at Tel# 322-6181,
Fax # 322-6180

PACIFIC HISTORIC PARKS
AT AMERICAN MEMORIAL PARK

Store Manager

Extensive retail experience in a Supervisory position. Computer Skills in Office, Excel, PP and retail Software. Schedules, trains, motivates, report writing. Exceptional detail skills. Math, people, safety skills. Knowledge of Labor laws of CNMI. Multiple languages preferred. Flexible days and hours but must be willing to work all days Monday thru Sunday. Reliable transportation, reimburseable mileage for Work. Send resume and cover letter explaining your above skills to:

Cindy Rapadas
Regional Manager
Pacific Historic Parks
135 Murray Street
Hagatna, Guam 96910

No phone calls please.

MAN'S SERVICES, LLC
Job Vacancy Announcement

4 - Garbage Collector
1 - Heavy Equipment Mechanic

Minimum wage. 2-3 years experience required.

Please submit resume with attached copies of driver's license, police and health clearance to Man's Services, LLC P.O. Box 503393 Saipan, MP 96950

HAFADAI BEACH HOTEL
P.O. BOX 500338 SAIPAN, MP 96950-0338
TEL: (670) 234-6495 to 98 • FAX (670) 237-2529

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Open Date: October 25, 2011 **Close Date**: November 3, 2011

Position: (3) Cleaner, Housekeeping
Salary: $5.05 per hour

Job Qualification: High School Graduate. Two Years Experience

For more information you may contact Mr. Juan I Tenorio, Manager for Human Resources Department at (670) 234-6495 ext. 5840/2.
Employment application forms are available at Hafadai Beach Hotel, Human Resource Department.

AN EQUAL EMPLOYMENT PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER

Hilights Beauty Salon
is inviting qualified applicants for:

Hairstylists/Cosmetologists (2 part-time positions) – Minimum of High School Diploma, plus 7 years recent experience in providing all around beauty services to customers from consultation, cutting, coloring, styling, massaging, makeup, hair removal, and nail and skin care services. Must be organized and follow all health and sanitation requirements. Salary is $5.05 per hour.

Applicants must be of good moral character, be able to work flexible hours, including graveyard shifts, good work ethics, reliable, and stress tolerant. Please submit resume, Police Clearance, and 2 by 2 picture to Highlights Beauty Salon, JTV Bldg, As Lito Road, no later than October 26, 2011. Qualified applicants must be able to submit at least two Employment Certifications, including reference of good character.

3A'S POLYSHINE is looking for:

2 UPHOLSTERERS
- Considerable knowledge of the practices, methods, tools, materials, and equipment for upholstering.
- Some knowledge of the occupational hazards of upholstering work and of necessary safety precautions.
- Ability to make upholstery and other repairs to furniture and interiors of vehicles.
- Skill in the selection of upholstery materials and in use and care of upholstery tools and equipment.
- Salary: $5.05/hour (CNMI minimum wage)

3 TINTER (window film installer)
- Considerable knowledge of the industrial practices of adhesive window films installation.
- Ability to work with varieties of window films and window glass surfaces and must not afraid of heights.
- Ability to work independent with minimum supervision.
- Salary: $5.05/hour (CNMI minimum wage)

Interested individuals must be willing to undergo practical testing for position qualification. All interested applicants must submit resume before October 30, 2011 at 3A'S PLOYHSINE, Tel: 235-8938 located at Mike's Building, Beach Road, next to Car Quest Auto Parts, CK.

Job Vacancy Announcement
JAGUAR LIMITED DBA. CLUB MERMAID

1 **GENERAL MANAGER**
Qualifications:
- 3 - 4 years work experience.
- College graduate or college level with Management Course.
- Responsible for establishing goals & objectives for the operation.
- Has excellent sales and marketing executions.
- Ability to control profit & loss with business analysis.
- Salary $7.00/hr

1 **BARTENDER**
Qualifications:
- At least 3 – 5 years experience.
- Full time with flexible working hours.
- Salary $5.05/hr.
- Japanese speaking preferred.

1 **SUPERVISOR**
Qualifications:
- 3 – 5 years work experience in Bar/Night Club operation.
- Preferably College Graduate or College level.
- Full time with flexible working hours.
- Salary $5.05/hr.

15 **WAITRESS**
Qualifications:
- At least 21 – 25 years old with pleasing personality.
- 2 – 3 years experience as a Waitress in a bar or in an Entertainment Business.
- Full time with flexible working hours.
- Salary $5.05/hr.
- Japanese speaking preferred.

5 **SINGERS**
Qualifications:
- At least 21 – 25 years old with pleasing personality.
- 2 – 3 years experience as a Singer in a Karaoke Bar or in an Entertainment Business.
- Full time with flexible working hours.
- Salary $5.05/hr.
- Japanese speaking preferred.

Please mail your resume to PMB 697 BOX 10000 Saipan, MP 96950 Contact our Office at Tel.: (670) 233-1545 between 2:30PM to 9:00PM.

LSG Sky Chefs

LSG Sky Chefs is seeking for the following positions to establish a list:

- Counter Attendant
- Food Server/Kitchen Helper
- Cook and Cook Helper
- Delivery Driver
- Sanitation Worker

Interested applicants must submit a court and traffic clearances, picture identification (i.e. driver's license or mayor's office picture identification), Social security card, passport or birth certificate.

We are located at the Tun Herman Pan Road and situated between the American Red Cross and the Historic Preservation Office.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT - BIG BELL, INC.

One (1) Cost Estimator
- Must be a College Graduate. At least 10 years of work experience.Knowledge in analyzing blueprints and other documentation to prepare time, cost, materials, and labor estimates. Knowledge of design techniques, tools, and principles involved in production of precision technical plans, blueprints, drawings, and models. Knowledge in preparing estimates for use in selecting vendors or subcontractors. Knowledge of assessing cost effectiveness of products, projects or services , tracking actual costs relative to bids as the project develops.

One (1) Project Supervisor
- College level. Must have at least 10 years or more experience in construction operations. Knowledge in preparing estimates for proposals. Must have knowledge in structural engineering and architectural design. Proficient in preparing project schedule. Great familiarity with local building by-laws and other regulatory frame work dealing with built environment and remarkable expertise in client servicing.

One (1) Accountant
- At least 2-3 years working experience. Compute taxes owed and prepare tax returns, ensuring compliance with payment, reporting or other tax requirements FICA, BGRT, EWHT, Bar Tax) Must have knowledge in Peachtree Accounting System software. Handles customer billing, collections, and payments. Prepares/Computes payroll. Proficiency in administrative and clerical procedures and systems such as Microsoft Office Word and Excel, managing files and records, designing forms, and other office procedures and terminology. Bachelors degree in Accounting required.

Thirty (30) Carpenters/Construction Workers
- 5 or more years of experience in construction project. Ability to study specifications in blueprints, sketches, or building plans to prepare project layout and determine dimensions and materials required. Knowledge in shape or cut materials to specified measurements, using hand tools, machines, or power tools. Knowledge in building or repairing cabinets, doors, frameworks, floors, or other wooden fixtures used in building. Knowledge of materials, methods, and the tools involved in the construction or repair of houses, buildings, or other structures.

One (1) Heavy Equipment Operator/Mechanic
- With at least 5 years of work experience. Must have a valid driver's license in operating heavy equipment. Must know how to operate and repair H.E. Motors.

One (1) Plumber
- At least 5 years work experience. Knowledge in studying building plans and inspects structures to assess material and equipment needs, to establish the sequence of pipe installations, and to plan installation around obstructions such as electrical wiring. Knowledge of materials, methods, and the tools involved in the construction or repair of houses, buildings, or other structures.

One (1) Garbage Collector/Driver
- With at least 5 years of work experience. Must have a valid driver's license. Must know how to drive packet type truck, dump truck or truck equipped with hydraulic lifting device to collect garbage and trash and transport load to disposal area.

One (1) Restaurant Operations Manager
- Knowledge in overseeing activities in restaurant business. Manage staff, preparing work schedules and assigning specific duties. Knowledge of principles and processes for providing customer and personal services. This includes customer needs assessment, meeting quality standards for services, and evaluation of customer satisfaction. Korean and Japanese speaking is preferred.

One (1) Assistant Restaurant Operations Manager
- At least 5 years work experience in restaurant business. Able to converse in Japanese and Korean. Assist the restaurant manager in planning, directing, and coordinating activities of an organization or department that serves food and beverages

Three (3) Cooks
- At least 5 years experience in cooking dishes in a restaurant. Knowledge in Korean and Japanese food preparation. Must have a good quality technique in food preparation. Korean and Japanese speaking preferred.

Two (2) Waitress
- At least 2 years working experience in a restaurant business. Knowledgeable in using cash registers. Knowledge of principles and processes for providing customer and personal services. Preferably Chinese and Korean speaking

Two (2) Asst. Cook/Cook Helper
- Flexible hours required. Must possess a good moral character and be able to follow food preparation standards. Able to help the cook and perform duties of lesser skill, such as supplying or holding materials or tools, and cleaning work areas and equipment. Chinese and Korean speaking is preferred.

Email resume at bigbell@pticom.com or bring personally at Koblerville, P.O. Box 5423 CHRB, Saipan MP 96950. Phone calls will not be entertained.

JTV Enterprises, Inc.
is inviting qualified applicants for:

Custodial Worker (1 part-time) – High School Diploma, plus 6 years recent experience doing custodial work or general maintenance work in commercial building. Must be able to perform minor general building maintenance. Must be of excellent physical health to lift and use heavy cleaning equipment and furniture and fixtures. Must have no fear of height to clean building windows. Salary is $5.05 per hour.

Caregiver (2 part-time positions) – Minimum of High School Diploma, plus 2 years recent experience providing care to elderly, convalescents, or persons with disabilities with daily living activities. Must be able to administer bedside or personal care, including personal hygiene assistance. Must be able to prepare and maintain records of client progress, monitor medication intake, and quick to spot progress or changes of elderly and report to responsible party. Duties shall include keeping house and preparing meals for the elderly. Must be patient, loving, and generally concerned of elderly welfare. Salary is $5.05 per hour.

Applicants must be of good moral character, be able to work flexible hours, including graveyard shifts, good work ethics, reliable, and stress tolerant. Please submit resume, Police Clearance, and 2 by 2 picture to JTV Enterprises, Inc., As Lito Road, no later than October 26, 2011. Qualified applicants must be able to submit at least two Employment Certifications, including reference of good character.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT – JWS AIR CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION, INC.

ONE (1) SALES ENGINEER – Salary $1,200.00 - $2,000.00 Monthly
- SALES HVACR MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL AND RELATED EQUIPMENT, PARTS, SUPPLIES WITH REQUIRED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING KNOWLEDGE AND JUDGEMENT ON PRODUCT RECOMMENDATION
- PREPARE ESTIMATES ON EQUIPMENT, PARTS, SUPPLIES, OR SERVICES AS NEEDED
- KNOWLEDGE ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, EXPERIENCE WITH TURBOCOR COMPRESSORS AND CONTROLS A PLUS.
- MUST BE KNOWLEDGEABLE IN INTERPRETING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND PREPARE SHOP DRAWING
- MUST BE KNOWLEDGEABLE IN WINTAC PRO HVAC SOFTWARE

FOUR (5) TECHNICIANS – Air Conditioning and Refrigeration – Salary $5.05 - $10.00/Hour.
- INSTALL, SERVICE AND REPAIR OF VENTILLATION, CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION SYSTEMS
- PERFORM REPAIR AND TROUBLE ANALYSIS OF VAV AND WT CONTROL SYSTEMS AND ELECTRICAL/ELECTRONIC CONTROL SYSTEMS
- REPAIR AND SERVICE CHILLED WATER AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM. EXPERIENCE WITH TURBOCOR COMPRESSORS AND CONTROLS A PLUS
- SPECIFIC EXPERIENCE WITH MANITOWOC ICE MACHINES, TAYLOR ICE CREAM MACHINES, WALKIN REFRIGERATION SYSTEMS AND OTHER FOOD SERVICE EQUIPMENT A PLUS.
- EPA SECTION 608 AND R-410A CERTIFIED REQUIRED

ONE (2) SHEET METAL WORKER – Salary $5.05 - $7.00/Hour
- FABRICATE, ASSSEMBLE, INSTALL AND REPAIR SHEET METAL PRODUCTS AND EQUIPMENT SUCH AS DUCTS, CONTROL BOXES, DRAIN PIPES AND AHU CASINGS
- MUST HAVE EXPERIENCE WITH METAL, FIBERGLASS AND KOOLDUCT DUCTING FABRICATION
- SET-UP AND OPERATE FABRICATING MACHINES, RELATED FABRICATION TOOLS AND WELDING EQUIPMENT
- MUST BE KNOWLEDGEABLE IN INTERPRETING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS

ONE (1) ACCOUNTANT – Salary $1,200 – $2000.00 Monthly
- PREPARE TAX RETURNS, TAX PAYMENTS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS AND VERIFY ITS ACCURACY AND CONFORMANCE WITH STANDARD ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLE
- MONITOR DAILY TRANSACTIONS, PREPARE JOURNAL ENTRIES AND RECORD TO WINTAC PRO HVAC ACCOUNTING PROGRAM
- HANDLE CUSTOMER BILLINGS, COLLECTIONS, AND CASH RECEIPTS, PAYMENT AND PAYROLL
- KKNOWLEDGEABLE IN WINTAC PRO HVAC ACCOUNTING PROGRAM AND MICROSOFT OFFICE

ALL OF THE ABOVE MUST POSSESS GOOD COMMUNICATION SKILL AND A MINIMUM OF 10-YR WORK EXPERIENCE REQUIRED.

ONE (1) COMMERCIAL CLEANER – Salary $ 5.05/Hour
- PERFORM DUTIES TO MAINTAIN AND CLEAN OFFICE AND PRIVATE RESIDENCE IN AN ORDERLY MANNER
- PERFORM BASIC HOUSEHOLD CHORES
- MUST BE HONEST, RESPONSIBLE, RELIABLE AND EFFICIENT AT ALL TIMES AND POLICE CLEARANCE REQUIRED.

APPLICATION CAN BE OBTAINED AND SUBMITTED AT JWS AIR CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION, INC's OFFICE AT UNIT 4, G/FLOOR, LIM'S BLDG., COR. BEACH AND MSGR. GUERRERO ROAD, SAN JOSE VILLAGE, SAIPAN OR EMAIL TO: jwssaipan@pticom.com or tonys.jwssaipan@pticom.com

Job Vacancy Announcement

1 - **General Maintenance/Farmer**. Salary. $5.05/hour
1 - **Cook**. Salary $5.05/hour

If interested please call
ET Enterprises at 433-9212.

Job Vacancy Announcement

10 - Home Attendant. Salary $5.05/hour
10 - General Maintenance. Salary $5.05/hour
10 - Commercial Cleaner. Salary $5.05/hour

Noah Manpower Services
P.O. Box 225, Tinian MP 96952
If interested please call 433-0260

INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION
Job Vacancy Announcement

1-General Manager - $1000.00/mo.

10-Carpenters, 10-Masons, 7-Dressmakers / Seamstress, 3-Commercial Cleaners
Salary $ 5.05 per hour. 5 years work experience. At least high school graduate and/or college undergraduate.

Email resume to remmp96950@yahoo.com or call 233-6160

Job Vacancy Announcement
Island Essence Inc. is in need of

1 Operations Manager - at least 5 years experience in bridal design, event planning and floral arrangement.
2 Florist - at least 3 years work experience.
1 Dressmaker - at least 3 years work experience.

Interested Qualified US Workers can fax resume to Island Essence Inc. at 235-2231

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1 - Electrician. Minimum of 5 years experience. Must speak English and Korean. Have certificate of training as Electrician, must provide own car, flexible hrs incl. evenings, weekend & holidays. $5.05/hr. Send resume to cnmiapt@gmail.com

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1 - Property Manager. Minimum of 5 years experience. Must speak English and Korean. Have knowledge of Gen. Construction and small appliances, must have own transportation, flexible hrs for night, weekend & holidays. $1,200.00 per month. Send resume to cnmiapt@gmail.com

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JOBEL CORPORATION
P.O. Box 7773 SVRB Saipan, MP 96950
Vacancy Announcement for US workers'

1-Teacher and 1- Teacher (Assiant)
Minimum of 5 yrs experience.
Salary $5.05 per hour.
Email tomastchong@gmail.com
or call 888-5748

Li's Limited Corporation
Is looking for
• (1) Computer Technician
Salary $5.05/hr. Must be proficient in Microsoft Office software, good communication skills, willing to work flexible hours, able to repair and diagnose problems of desk computers and laptops.
3 yrs experience required.
Chinese speaking preferred.

Interested applicants, please call Mr. Li at 888-2205 or send resume to liangsmile77@gmail.com

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Liang's Limited Corporation
dba Tang Ji Restaurant
Is looking for
• (1) Receptionist. Salary $5.05/hr.
• (2) Chefs Salary $5.05/hr
Must be healthy and diligent; able to cook Chinese traditional food; able to work flexible hours.

Interested applicants, please call Mr. Li at 888-2205 or send resume to liangsmile77@gmail.com

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Milne's Realty Management is looking for:

Cleaner: $5.05/hour
At least high school graduate & 5 yrs. experience required, can work without supervision, honest and trustworthy.

Farmer: $ 5.05/hour
Minimum 5 yrs experience required. Must be able to perform the duty of farmer in accordance with the instructions of the employer.

E-mail resume to maryann_milne@yahoo.com.
No phone calls please.

Job Vacancy Announcement
Mu Sung Corporation is looking for:

3 - Carpenters
3 - Mason1
1 - Plumber
2 - Steelman
1 - Electrician
1 - Draftsman

Must have at least 2 years work experience
Interested US Workers must
fax resume to 235-7742

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1 - Office Manager. Min. of 5 years experience & knowledge in Internet, MS Words/Excel. Needs to speak & write in English, Korean & Chinese. Must provide own car. 4 yrs. College Degree. Must be able to work even on weekends. Green card or US. Citizen preferred. $ 5.05/hr.

Send resume to sylviacnmi@gmail.com

Vacancy Announcement - US Workers

3 - Masseuse
Minimum of 2 years experience.
$5.05/hour

R & H USA INVESTMENT CORP. LTD.
PMB 264A, P.O. Box 10002, Saipan, MP 96950
Email: tomastchong@gmail.com or call 888-5748

Ran Corporation
Job Vacancy Announcement

(1)**General Manager**-Salary $1,750.00 p/m.,
(1)**Teacher**-Salary $5.05/h, (1)**Art Teacher**-Salary $5.05/h,
(1)**Car Washer**-Salary $5.05/h, (2)**Fiberglass Man**-Salary $5.05/h

Must have at least 2-5 yrs work related experience.

Interested U.S. Citizen must submit resume to
P.O. Box 505719 Saipan MP 96950

SAIPAN AUTO CLINIC COMPANY
Job Vacancy Announcement

1 - Manager
1 - Radiator Repairer

Minimum wage. Must have at least 2 years work experience in Auto Repair Business.

Interested Qualified US Workers can fax resume to 235-7742

Job Vacancy Announcement
JMC Iron Works is looking for

1 - Welder
1 - Office Assistant

Must have at least 2 years work experience in Iron Works business.

Interested Qualified US Workers can drop resume to JMC Iron Works, Chalan Piao

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Saipan City Taxi Association, Inc.

Job Vacancy Annoucement
20 – Taxi Drivers. Salary Rate: $5.05/hr and $1.50 per trip. Must have at least 6 months of taxi driving experience in the CNMI. Must be a holder of a valid CNMI Driver's License, CNMI Taxi Driver's License, and a CNMI Taxi Bureau Identification Card. Current Police Clearance, Traffic Clearance and Traffic History. Willing to work flexible hours.

Interested applicants may send resume to
PO Box 7765 SVRB, Saipan, MP 96950.
Please send your resume no later than November 1, 2011.

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1 - Cook. Min. of 5 years experience. Must be able to cook Chinese & Korean food. Must speak English, Korean and some Chinese preferred. Needs own car and housing. Must be able to work even on weekends. Experience in buying food and supplies. $5.05/hr.

Send resume to sylviacnmi@gmail.com

PACIFIC BLUE CORP.
MONSIGNOR GUERRERO ROAD,
SAN JOSE, SAIPAN MP 96950
P.O. BOX 505701
Tel.: 670-233-0168 • Fax.: 670-233-0170
Contact Person:
Elvira Dela Cruz/Renato Dizon

MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR WORKERS, GENERAL

- (5) FIVE YEARS TO (8) EIGHT YEARS EXPERIENCE
- $5.05 /Hourly AND FULL TIME, HOUSING NOT PROVIDED (WORK COMPENSATION AND MEDICAL INSURANCE)

Job Duties:

- Supervises and participates in maintenance of waste water treatment facilities or water production facilities, Perform other tasks as assigned. (Assist with set-ups, etc.)
- Use tools ranging from common hand and power tools, such as hammers, hoists, saws, drills, and wrenches, to precision measuring instruments and electrical and electronic testing devices.
- Be on-call to cope with emergency situations.
- Clean up of work area. Sweep, mop, and vacuum as needed.
- Maintain and clean company vehicle if assigned.
- Perform routine preventive maintenance to ensure that machines continue to run smoothly, building systems operate efficiently, or the physical condition of buildings does not deteriorate.

Job Vacancy Announcement

- **Maintenance Electrician**
- **Maintenance Building Repairer**

Interested qualified US workers may fax, email, or submit in person, a resume and police clearance.
Any applicant selected for these positions are required to take and pass a drug test screening prior to employment at applicant's cost.

Application deadline for the two positions is Friday, Nov. 4, 2011, 4:00 p.m.

PACIFIC DAIKEN CO., LTD.
PO Box 501042, Saipan, MP 96950
Tel: 234-7453 / Fax: 234-7996
bern.ito@pacificdaiken.com

QUAD L's COMPANY
Job Vacancy Announcement

(2) Bldg Maintenance Repairer
2-3 years experience required.
Minimum Wage

Qualified US Workers can submit resume with Certificate of employment and police clearance to 2nd floor of Quad L's Bldg. (where Bank of Saipan, Garapan Branch is located) or you may send it to quadlscompany@pticom.com

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RISING STAR MANS JOINT VENTURE
Job Vacancy Announcement

1 - Heavy Equipment Mechanic
2 - Heavy Equipment Operator

Minimum wage. 2-3 years experience required.

Please submit resume with attached copies of driver's license, police and health clearance to Rising Star Man's Joint Venture PMB 454 Box 10001 Saipan, MP 96950

SUNNY PLACE, LLC
Vacancy Announcement

1 - Sales Representative. Salary $5.05 - $10.00p/h. 2 years working experience. High School Graduate. Proficient in English & Japanese (reading, writing, speaking).

Interested U.S. applicants, may email resume to Edward@miona-usa.com

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Job Vacancy Announcement

1 - Maintenance
1 - Housekeeper
1 - Hotel Supervisor

Must have at least 3 years work experience in Hotel Business. Willing to work flexible hours.

Interested Qualified US Workers must send resume to usschotelcolt@yahoo.com

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Job Vacancy Announcement

WORLD INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

3 - GENERAL MAINTENANCE

Qualifications:
• At least 2 – 3 years experience in a Commercial Building Maintenance. Preferably in Carpentry and Masonry.
• Full time with flexible working hours
• Salary $5.05/hr

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SEASIDE MART, INC.

Bookkeeper
- Must have Bachelor degree in Accountancy with 5 yrs experience
- Must have knowledge in Peachtree Accounting Software
- Must adopt to work related demands and flexible hours

Purchasing Manager
- Represent companies in negotiating contracts and formulating policies with suppliers.
- Direct and coordinate activities engaged in buying, selling, and distributing materials and supplies especially Philippine products (i.e. fresh sea foods/dried fish)
- Locate vendors of materials and supplies, and determine product availability and terms of sales
- Prepare and process requisitions and purchase orders for supplies and materials
- Maintain records of goods ordered and received.

For Interested applicants, please email resume at
ndcunanan18@yahoo.com
No phone calls please.

SPRING VALLEY EMPLOYMENT AGENCY
P.O. Box 501120, Saipan, MP 96950

(1) Maintenance/Gardening
Minimum of 5 years experience. To include minor plumbing, electrical, carpentry, painting & other related duties as assigned. Dependable attendance, follows instructions VERY well. MUST be flexible & available to work early mornings, late nights, & weekends.

For consideration, mail resume to teh above address no later than Nov. 02, 2011.

SVC INVESTMENT CORPORATION
Pawnshop / Apartment
Job Vacancy Announcement

Manager - $ 5.50/hour
Provide daily and monthly reports. Knowledge to value items based on market price. Appraise and estimate items being pawned. Knowledge to distinguish different kinds of gold and diamonds. Perform other related duties. Flexible time. Graduate of a 4 yr. degree course. 2 years minimum experience.

Asst. Manager - $ 5.25/hr
Provide sales report. Knowledge to value items based on market price. Appraise and estimate items being pawned. Knowledge to distinguish different kinds of gold and diamonds. Perform other related duties. Flexible time. 2 years minimum experience.

General Maintenance & repair - $ 5.05/hr
Ability to perform carpentry, plumbing, glass replacement, painting, masonry, grounds keeping and electrical wiring.

Email resume to nbudano@yahoo.com

TOP DEVELOPMENT, INC.
Job Vacancy Announcement

(1) Accountant – At least 7-10 years work experience in general accounting. Must have Bachelors Degree in Accounting. Proficient knowledge in Microsoft Office, Peachtree and QuickBooks accounting software.

Salary: $9.62-$11.50 per hour.

Interested Qualified US Workers may submit resume to tdi@pticom.com

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Job Vacancy Announcement

Speedy Turtle Dive Shop is announcing vacancy of 2 Teacher-Instructor positions.

5.05/hr • Medical Insurance • US Social Security

Job responsibilities:
- teaching for scuba diving theory and practical aspects;
- instructing students and experienced divers;
- to perform duties of dive leader (dive guide);
- maintain and repair scuba diving gear;

The Job requirements:
- rating of Certified NAUI Diving Instructor or higher;
- 5 years experience in Scuba Diving Instructing;
- minimum 2000 registered dives;
- knowledge of scuba diving gear, its maintenance and repair;
- knowledge with air compressor machinery and experience in running such machinery;
- knowledge and experience in underwater video and photo filming;
- knowledge of scuba diving, free diving and snorkeling gear in order to run diving gear shop;
- Knowledge of Russian language (speaking, writing and reading) and familiarity with Technical (diving) Russian terminology is a plus;

Submit resume via fax 234 6286. For inquiries, please call: 493 9616; contact person Oleg Tchernychenko.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Farmer (3). Salary: $300 to $400 per month with housing, utilities, food allowance, ground transportation, and workers' compensation insurance provided. Five (5) years experience in fruit, vegetable, and livestock farming required. Must be able to operate farm equipment & machinery.

House Worker – Live-in (2). Salary: CNMI minimum wage. Five (5) years experience in childcare, cooking, cleaning, washing and ironing cloths, and performing other related house worker duties and responsibilities is required.

All applicants must be of good health, good moral character, and must agree to a drug test. High school graduate. Must be able to read, speak and write basic English.

Interested applicants must submit their Bio-Data, Resume, Police Clearance, and other supporting documents to the Saipan Farm & Garden via email at ccsspn@yahoo.com or via fax at 670-233-7342 or send to P.O. Box 503771, Saipan, MP 96950. Closing Date: November 1, 2011

House Worker – Live-in (1). Salary: CNMI minimum wage. Five (5) years experience in cooking, cleaning, washing and ironing cloths, and performing other house worker duties and responsibilities is required.

All applicants must be of good health, good moral character, and must agree to a drug test. High school graduate. Must be able to read, speak and write basic English.

Interested applicants must submit their Bio-Data, Resume, Police Clearance, and other supporting documents to Cornerstone Consulting Services, via email at cornerstone_development@yahoo.com or via fax at 670-233-7342 or send to P.O. Box 503771, Saipan, MP 96950. Closing Date: November 1, 2011

YK CORPORATION DBA SUNSHINE LAUNDRY

Industrial Laundry and Dry-Cleaning Workers (9) - $4.55-$5.05/hour

Operate or tend washing or dry-cleaning machines to wash or dry-clean industrial or household articles, such as cloth garments, suede, leather, furs, blankets, draperies, linens, rugs, and carpets. Includes spotters and dyers of these articles.

Tasks:
- Receives & mark articles for laundry or dry cleaning with identifying code numbers or names, using hand or machine markers.
- Start washers, dry cleaners, driers, or extractors, and turn valves or leers to regulate machine processes and the volume of soap, detergent, water, bleach, starch and other additives.
- Sort and count articles removed from dryers, and fold, wrap, or hang them.
- Examine and sort into lots articles to be cleaned, according to color, fabric, dirt content, and cleaning technique required.
- Load articles into washers or dry-cleaning machines, or direct other workers to perform loading.
- Mix and add detergents, dyes, bleaches, starches, and other solutions and chemicals to clean, color, dry, or stiffen articles.
- Clean machine filters, and lubricate equipment.
- Remove items from washers or dry-cleaning machines, or direct other workers to do so.
- Operate extractors and driers, or direct their operation.
- Inspect soiled articles to determine sources of stains, to locate color imperfections, and to identify items requiring special treatment.

Knowledge:
Customer and Personal Service – Knowledge of principles and processes for providing customer and personal services. This includes customer needs assessment, meeting quality standards for services, and evaluation of customer satisfaction.

Skills:
Must have at least 2 years work experience in the Laundry Dry Cleaning services that caters to hotels. Must be able to work evening, weekend and holiday.
Operation and Control – controlling operations of equipment or systems. (Washing Machine, Steam Dryer, Folding Machine, etc.

Abilities:
Arm-Hand Steadiness – the ability to keep your hand and arm steady while moving your arm or while holding your arm and hand in one position.
Near Vision – the ability to see details at close range (within a few feet of the observer)
Trunk Strength – the ability to use your abdominal and lower back muscles to support part of the body repeatedly or continuously over time without 'giving out' or fatiguing.

Work Activities:
Getting Information • Performing General Physical Activities • Controlling Machines and Processes • Training and Teaching Others • Handling and Moving Objects • Communicating with Supervisors, Peers or Subordinates • Inspecting Equipment, Structures, or Material • Assisting and Caring for Others • Establishing and Maintaining Interpersonal Relationships • Monitor Processes, Materials, or Surroundings.

Please send resume to Y K Corporation PO Box 502913 CK Saipan, MP 96950

Closing Date: October 31, 2011

MISA ENTERPRISES
P.O. Box 500089 Saipan 96950
Tel# 234-6900

ASSISTANT MANAGER (1) :
REQ: Be able to assist the General manager in the supervision of the business establishment such as: Management of financial books, rental client agreement, building maintenance such as answering tenants complain & resolve problems. Confer with manager to review financial statements, activity reports and other performance data to determine areas needing cost reduction and improvement. Allocate funds, authorize expenditures necessary for building maintenance. Delegate authority and assign responsibilities to designate personnel for building maintenance, be able to present written & oral reports on the company's financial and operational status other related duties as Assistant Manager.

GENERAL MAINTENANCE (2):
REQ: Must have a valid CNMI driver's license and flexible in work hours. Duties may involve skills in electrical, plumbing, carpentry, masonry, painting, landscape or maintain grounds of property using hand or power tools or equipment. Can typically perform variety of task such as sod laying, mowing, trimming, planting, watering, fertilizing, digging, raking and installing, repairing buildings, floors or stairs.

Applicants of position listed above are required to have a minimum of 3-5 years of experience. Applications can be picked-up at Kinpachi Restaurant, MISA Building 4, Coral Tree Avenue, Garapan. No phone calls please.

MARIANAS STAR CORPORATION
Job Vacancy Announcement
Opening: Oct 25 – Oct. 29, 2011

(1) Project Engineer –
Salary: $1,700.00/month
Holder of a degree of Bachelor of Science in Engineering. Minimum of 5 years experience in the construction business required. Licensed Civil Engineer preferred. Knowledgeable in the preparation and execution of plans and specifications, and preparation of project estimates and schedules.

(1) Accountant – Salary: $5.50/hour
B.S. in Business Administration-Accounting graduate. Minimum of 5 years continuous work experience. Knowledgeable in the application of generally accepted accounting principles and advice and implements system of general accounting including preparation of Financial Statements. Accounts Payable, Receivables, Payroll, Bank Reconciliation, CNMI and Federal tax and other related duties. Proficiency in MS Office (Word, Excel, Publisher, Adobe, Powerpoint, etc.) applications a must Familiarity and knowledge of Peachtree Accounting. Certified Public Accountant preferred.

(3) Carpenters – Salary: $5.05/hour
Minimum of 5 years experience.
Knowledgeable in using power and hand tools and equipment. Familiarity with OSHA and CNMI Environmental laws. Knowledge and understanding of blueprints, sketches and plans relative to the work at hand a must.

(1) Electrician – Salary: $5.05/hour
Minimum of 5 years experience.
Knowledgeable in using power and hand tools and equipment. Familiarity with OSHA and CNMI Environmental laws. Knowledgeable in the installation, maintenance and repair of electrical or electronic wirings & electrical system installation.

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Asia Pacific Hotels, Inc. dba Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan - Job Vacancy Announcement

(1) FOOD & BEVERAGE MANAGER
Qualifications: Strong background and experience in Food & Beverage preferably in the hospitality industry. Possess the ability to work quickly, accurately and independently in a fast-paced environment. 10 years work experience required preferably in a hotel. Must be able to work a variable schedule on occasion, including early morning, evenings and/or weekends.

(1) EXECUTIVE CHEF
Qualifications: Ability to direct in the preparation and cooking of food and is familiar with the preparation of food costing reports and departmental budget. 10 years work experience is required preferably in the hotel industry. Must be able to work a variable schedule on occasion including early morning , evenings and/or weekends.

(2) SOUS CHEF
Qualifications: Ability to direct and participate in the preparation and cooking of food. Must be able to work a variable schedule on occasion, including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends. 5 years work experience as a Sous Chef is required and preferably in the hospitality industry.

(3) DEMI CHEF
Qualifications: Minimum 4 years work experience as a Demi-Chef, preferably in a hotel. Comprehensive knowledge of kitchen hygiene practices and occupational health and safety standards is essential. Qualification in kitchen production is an advantage.

(27) COOKS
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent with 3 years work experience preferably in a hotel. Basic culinary skills and good hygiene knowledge is essential. Must be a high school graduate or equivalent.

(22) WAITER/WAITRESS
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent with minimum 2 years work experience preferably in hotel operations. Good customer service, communications and interpersonal skills are required. Must be a high school graduate or equivalent.

(1) F&B ASSISTANT
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent with minimum 8 years work experience preferably in hotel operations. Strong organizational skills and able to complete assignments accurately, either independently or as part of a team. Ability to work a variable schedule on occasion, including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends. Good writing skills sufficient to compose and edit a variety of documents using correct spelling, grammar and punctuation.

(3) PASTRY CHEF
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent with minimum 5 years work experience in the production of high quality pastry and breads preferable in a hotel and knowledge of Japanese style breads preferred. Basic culinary skills/good hygiene knowledge is essential.

(3) BARTENDER
Qualifications: High school graduate or equivalent with minimum 2 years work experience in the preparation of mixed cocktails required. Strong communication and interpersonal skills are essential. Able to work flexible hours including evenings and/or weekends.

(1) RESTAURANT MANAGER
Qualifications: Minimum 5 years work experience as outlet manager preferably in a hotel. Strong interpersonal and customer-service skills are essential. Ability to work a variable schedule on occasion, including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

(8) F&B SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Strong customer service skills and people oriented. Must be reliable and self-motivated. Is able to stand for long periods of time and lift up to 25 pounds. Minimum 6 years work experience as F&B supervisor preferably in a hotel. Foreign language skill a plus. Must be able to work a variable schedule on occasion, including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

(1) MECHANICAL SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Able to supervise and coordinate the activities of mechanics, installers and repairers. Good judgment, decision making skills, and time management skills. Minimum 6 years work experience required preferably in a hotel or 8 years work experience in a similar large complex with central plant.

(3) A/C REFRIGERATION MECHANIC
Qualifications: Able to install and repair industrial and commercial refrigeration systems. 3 years previous work experience preferably in a hotel or 5 years work experience in a similar large complex with central plant. Must be a high school graduate or equivalent.

(1) LANDSCAPING SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Able to directly supervise and coordinate activities and work schedule of employees engaged in landscaping and grounds keeping activities. Must have 5 years previous work experience preferably in a hotel. Must be a high school graduate or equivalent.

(2) LANDSCAPING WORKER
Qualifications: Basic knowledge of Horticulture. Must be able to work outdoors exposed to all weather conditions. 2 years previous work experience. Must be a high school graduate or equivalent.

(2) CARPENTER
Qualifications: Minimum 2 years work experience as Handyman preferably in a hotel or in a similar large building complex with central plant. Performs physical activities such as lifting or moving materials weighing up to 50 pounds with or without accommodation. Must be a high school graduate or equivalent.

(1) BRICKMASON
Qualifications: Performs brick laying, stone setting, tile setting and cement finishing work. Performs carpentry work incidental to masonry work. Must have 2 years previous work experience. Must be a high school graduate or equivalent.

(1) PAINTER SUPERVIOR
Qualification: Minimum 4 years work experience as painter supervisor preferably in a hotel or 6 years work experience in a similar large building complex with central plant. Able to work accurately, with interruptions, to meet deadlines.

(1) PAINTER
Qualifications: Minimum 2 years work experience as Handyman preferably in a hotel or in a similar large building complex with central plant. Ability to move materials weighing up to 50 pounds with or without accommodation. High school graduate or equivalent.

(2) STOCK CLERK
Qualifications: Receives, store and issue goods. Takes monthly physical count of stock. Must be able to lift up to 30 pounds. Able to work independently, accurately and handle pressure in meeting strict dead-lines in a fast-paced environment. Requires frequent walking and standing on the job. Able to work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays. Minimum 2 years work experience as a stock clerk, preferably in a hotel or similar fast-paced environment. High school graduate or equivalent.

(1) BUS /TRUCK & DIESEL ENGINE MECHANIC
Qualifications: Able to diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul trucks, buses, and all types of diesel engines. Minimum 5 years work experience required. High school graduate or equivalent.

(3) ELECTRICIANS
Qualifications: Able to service, repair, calibrate, regulate, fine-tune or test machines, devices and equipment that operate primarily on electrical or electronic principles. Must to work in a flexible way that allows for changes in assignments and priorities depending upon identified needs of the department. Minimum 5 years work experience required. High school graduate or equivalent.

(7) LAUNDRY ATTENDANT
Qualifications: Minimum 2 years work experience preferably in a hotel. Must be able to speak and write in English. Ability to speak basic foreign language is a plus. Good customer service skills are essential. High school graduate or equivalent.

(23) HOUSEKEEPER
Qualifications: Minimum 2 years work experience preferably in a hotel. Must be able to speak and write in English. Ability to speak basic foreign language is a plus. Good customer service skills are essential. High school graduate or equivalent.

(7) HOUSEKEEPING SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Minimum 4 years work experience preferably in a hotel. Must have good command of the English language both oral and written. Ability to speak basic foreign language is a plus. Ability to set priorities in a complex environment is essential. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications.

(3) GENERAL MAINTENANCE WORKER
Qualifications: Minimum 2 years work experience as a Handyman preferably in a hotel or in a similar large building or complex with central plant. Willingness to work outside (if necessary) in inclement weather. Must be able to carry and lift heavy objects. Possession of a valid driver's license is essential.

(2) PLUMBER
Qualifications: Minimum of 6 years of plumbing experience preferably in a hotel or similar large building or complex with central plant. Knowledge of the tools, equipment and materials common to the plumbing trade is required. Must be able to carry and lift heavy objects. Willingness to work outside (if necessary) in inclement weather.

(1) TAILOR
Qualifications: Minimum of 3 years work experience as a tailor preferably in a hotel. Must be able to think creatively. Is able to design, make draperies, repair or fit garments. Must have an interest in fashion, color and style. Must have ability to work quickly, accurately and independently in a fast-paced environment. Able to work a variable schedule on occasion including weekends.

(4) GUEST RELATIONS SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Minimum 2 years work experience in customer service. Minimum 2 years work experience as a supervisor. Must be able to work weekends and nights including holidays. Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing to employees and guests. Requires frequent walking, and lifting. Ability to speak a foreign language will be a plus. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications.

(1) ROOMS RESERVATION SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Minimum 2 years work experience in customer service and 2 years work experience as a supervisor. Must be fluent in English. Strong oral and written communication skills are essential. Must have computer literacy. Ability to work weekends and nights including holidays. Ability to speak a foreign language will be a plus. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications.

(1) MANAGER, SALES & MARKETING
Qualification: Minimum 5 years work experience as Manager in sales preferably in a hotel. Responsible for developing, establishing and maintaining marketing strategies to meet organizational objectives. Able to work independently. Good organizational and planning skills are essential. Ability to work in remote field office for several months at a time as necessary. Accountable for customer satisfaction and providing high quality service in representing company.

(1) DIRECTOR OF SALES & MARKETING
Qualifications: 10 years work experience as director of sales preferably in the hotel industry. Will be responsible for increasing market share in existing markets and maximize new market development opportunities. Initiates market research studies and analyze their findings. Prepares sales forecasts and ensures the sale and profitability of products or services and monitors market trends. Duties involve a lot of out of hours activity required. Ability to work in the field on occasion and travel off-island to attend sales meetings as necessary. Ability to speak English and Japanese both oral and written is preferred.

(2) SALES ASSOCIATE
Qualifications: 2 years work experience in cashiering and previous retail experience preferred. Able to perform duties with minimal supervision. Must be able to work irregular hours, such as shifts, holidays and weekends. Requires standing and frequent walking while on duty. Basic foreign language speaking skill is preferred. Ability to speak two basic foreign language is an asset.

(1) MANAGER, ENGINEERING DEPT.
Qualifications: Minimum 6 years work experience as Manager of engineering department, preferably in a hotel. Responsible to assist the Chief Engineer in ensuring the efficient and economic operation of the engineering department in support of all other operating departments, supplying services as required to the entire operation, and maintaining equipment, building and grounds in optimum condition. Good problem solving, administrative and interpersonal skills are required. Must be able to work "on-call" seven (7) days a week, including holidays.

(1) IT MANAGER
Qualifications: College graduate with a bachelor's degree in computer course. Must have strong background on all IT hardware, software and communication business requirements. Strong communication and interpersonal skills necessary. Management skills and familiarity with hotel business solutions software are essential. Systems analysis and programming is a must. Prior work experience in the hotel industry is preferred. Must be able to work a variable schedule on occasion, including early morning, evenings and/or weekends including holidays.

(2) ACCOUNTING CLERK
Qualifications: Performs a variety of general clerical/basic accounting duties. Also acts as cash custodian for all cash receipts and ensures immediate deposit of cash the following banking day. Minimum 2 years work experience in a hotel, preferred. Must be proficient in Microsoft Office applications and other software. Is able to multi-task and work independently. Strong problem solving skills is essential. Must be able to work a flexible schedule on occasion, including weekends.

(1) GENERAL ACCOUNTANT
Qualifications Responsible for the preparation of monthly financial statements, related accounting reports and for the supervision of general accounting section. Supervises closing of books at month end. Assists the accounting manager in the preparation of financial reports and forecasts and all other related areas. Minimum of 3 years progressive experience in general ledger operations. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications and other software. Must be able to work a flexible schedule on occasion including weekends.

(1) ACCOUNTING ANALYST - Accounts Payable/Disbursements
Qualifications: Responsible for coordinating and maintaining accounts payable from receipt of source documents to reconciliation of transactions to General Ledger. Must be a college graduate with bachelor's degree in Business Administration, major in accounting preferred or 3 years work experience within the field. Previous work experience in a hotel preferred. Must have progressive experience in accounts payable operations. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications and other software. Must be able to work flexible schedule on occasion including weekends.

(2) ACCOUNTING ANALYST - Accounts Receivable
Qualifications: Responsible for coordinating and maintaining accounts receivable from receipt of source documents to reconciliation of transactions to General Ledger. Ensures that accounts are kept on current status. Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, major in accounting, preferably or 3 years work experience within the field. Progressive experience in accounts receivable operations, preferably in a hotel. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications and other software. Must be able to work flexible schedule on occasion including weekends.

(1) INCOME AUDITOR
Qualifications: Generally responsible for ensuring the prompt and accurate posting of daily revenue operation results. Minimum of 5 years progressive experience in night audit/income audit operations, preferably in a hotel. Must be able work evenings including weekends and holidays. Microsoft Office applications and other software are essential. Good communication and interpersonal skills are necessary. Must be able to work under pressure.

(1) ROOMS DIVISION MANAGER
Qualifications: 10 years work experience preferably in the hotel industry. Able to plan, direct, and/or coordinate activities for the facility ensuring enjoyable experience for vacationing families and business travelers. Responsible for ensuring the facility is operating efficiently and profitably. Must be able to solve problems quickly. Initiative, self-discipline and effective communication and interpersonal skills are essential. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications. Must be able to work "on-call" seven days a week including holidays.

(1) ASST. ROOMS DIVISION MANAGER
Qualifications: 10 years work experience preferably in the hotel industry. Assists the Rooms Division Manager in carrying out the company's objectives. Good customer service, organizational and planning skills are essential. Foreign language speaking skill is highly preferred. Must be able to work "on-call" seven days a week including weekends and holidays.

(2) GUEST SERVICES AGENT
Qualifications: 2 years work experience in providing quality customer service, preferably in hotel operations. Guest Services Agent is responsible for providing guests fast, friendly and efficient service. Must have knowledge in Microsoft Office applications. Must have outstanding ability to perform several tasks at once. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including weekends, nights and holidays. Foreign language speaking skill is highly preferred.

(8) GUEST RELATIONS AGENT
Qualification: Minimum 2 years work experience as guest relations agent preferably in the hotel industry or a fast-paced environment. Strong customer service and interpersonal skills are essential. Must be able to multi-task. Frequent standing and walking on the job is required. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications software. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including early mornings, nights, weekends and holidays. Foreign language speaking skill is a plus.

(4) SPA MASSAGE THERAPIST
Qualifications: Performs professional massage therapy, body treatments and facials and remain current with the industry. Flexibility to work effectively in a changing environment. Ability to adapt to changes in work assignments. Must have the willingness to work evenings, weekends, including holidays. Minimum of 2 years work experience as a masseuse.

(1) SPA SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Minimum 5 years work experience in a spa environment. Will be responsible to assist with the efficient running of The Spa outlet in line with the company's goals and objectives in meeting above standard performance. Prior retail experience is an asset. Must have the ability to lift and move up to 25 pounds. Basic foreign language speaking skill is preferred.

(1) HOTEL CONCIERGE
Qualifications: Minimum of 4 years working experience as a hotel concierge. Job requires being reliable, responsible and dependable and fulfilling obligations. Must be able to work under pressure. Ability to speak a foreign language is preferred. Ability to work a variable schedule including weekends and holidays. High school graduate or equivalent. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications.

(1) ACCOUNTING MANAGER
Qualifications: Supervises the following sections in Finance: General Accounting, Purchasing, Cost Accounting and Income Audit. Primarily responsible for maintaining an efficient and effective accounting system that would respond readily to the needs of internal and external users of financial information. Minimum of 5 years progressive management experience in accounting operations preferably in a hotel. Strong analytical skills and problem solving. Proficient in Accounting Software, SAP R3 FICO system. Expertise with MS Excel, Word and Power Point is required. Must be able to work under pressure of completing deadlines and willing to work flexible hours.

(1) COST ACCOUNTANT
Qualifications: Generally responsible for ensuring that food and beverage costs are within hotel standards. Renders regular reporting of food and beverage costs to management. Calculates food cost of regular menu items and assists banquet department in costing special banquet menus. Witness/participates in the periodic physical inventory counts and reports to immediate supervisor for any major discrepancies. Minimum of 3 years work experience as cost accountant preferably in a hotel. Proficient in Microsoft Office application and other software. Must be willing to work on flexible schedule on occasion on weekends.

(1) PURCHASING SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Minimum of 3 years work experience as a purchasing supervisor preferably in a hotel or a face-paced environment. Ability to make judgments regarding alternative means of procuring materials/goods or services based on cost and serviceability. Ability to pay close attention to detail with a high degree of accuracy. Ability to adapt to changes in work environment, work assignments, and/or changes in priorities. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications and other software. Experienced with inventories to include, but not limited to, Food and Beverage, Dry goods, and Housekeeping Cleaning & Guest Supplies is a requirement. Willing to work flexible schedule on occasion including weekends.

(1) MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT - APHI
Qualifications: BS in accounting and minimum 5 years progressive experience in finance and accounting management, preferably in the hotel/hospitality industry. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO software and other hotel's front office and POS systems. Is responsible for planning, reviewing and administering accounting systems and procedures. Analyzes the financial information needs of APHI (Asia Pacific Hotels, Inc. dba: Fiesta Saipan, Saipan Grand and Century Hotel), provides advice on financial planning and risk management, and provides management with reports to assist in decision-making. Must have in-depth understanding In-depth understanding of the hotel industry and clear understanding of the integration of various hotel's bookkeeping, accounting and reporting function is highly preferred. Must have clear understanding of internal audits and annual audits. Strong written and verbal communication, interpersonal and customer service skills.

(1) SUPERVISOR, SALES & MARKETING
Qualification: Assists the Regional Director of Sales & Marketing in coordinating all local Korean and Japanese sales efforts. Develop and maintain relationships with local Korean tour companies. Ability to effectively communicate and interface with peers as well as executive level management. Requires strong communications skill both oral and written in Korean, Japanese and English. Ability to work well under pressure and is willing to work a variable work schedule on occasion including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

(1) EXECUTIVE HOUSEKEEPER
Qualifications: Minimum 8 years work experience in housekeeping is required, preferably in a hotel. Knowledge in the use of carpet cleaning equipment, floor polishing machines, and light commercial washers. Ability to lift or move equipment/materials weighing up to 30 pounds. Must be able to work a variable schedule including weekends, and holidays. Strong customer service and communication skills.

(2) STEWARD SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Responsible for supervising employees in cooking to ensure cleanliness, quality, efficient and economical food service. Responsible for silverware cleaning, dishwashing, cookware replacement and maintenance. Minimum of 3 years working experience as steward supervisor, preferably in a hotel. Requires frequent walking and standing on the job. Must be able to lift up to 30 pounds. Willing to work flexible schedule including early morning hours, nights, weekends and holidays. Must be a high school graduate or equivalent.

(1) MAINTENANCE COORDINATOR
Qualifications: Responsible for efficiently coordinating work with other departments of the organization. Assists the supervising manager with preparation of monthly reports such as utilities consumption and departmental maintenance trouble calls. Prepares the schedule for departmental job orders. Minimum of 3 years work experience as maintenance coordinator preferably in a hotel. Strong ability to read and follow verbal instructions. Proficient in Microsoft office applications and other software. Willing to work flexible schedule including weekends and holidays.

(1) NIGHT AUDITOR
Qualifications: Responsible for all audit-related functions in Fidelio and Pixel Point environment and other manually-transacted activities of both rooms, food & beverage, and other revenue centers, making sure that all forms of revenues are captured and reported in the system. College graduate, bachelor's degree in Business Administration, major in accounting preferably or 2 years work experience within the field. Ideally, previous hotel-related experience, progressive experience in night audit operations. Strong personal computer skills needed. Job requires working typically from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. and may entail reporting on duty on weekends and holidays.

Applications can be obtained at the Security Office at the Hotel's South Wing. To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than October 31, 2011. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.
Fiesta Resort & Spa, Saipan is an Equal Opportunity Employer Qualified Women, Minorities, Veterans and Persons with Disabilities are urged to apply.

Asia Pacific Hotels Inc., dba Saipan Grand Hotel
JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Position: (9) COOKS
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent with 3 years work experience preferably in a hotel. Basic culinary skills and good hygiene knowledge is essential. . Ability to work a variable schedule on occasion, including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Position: (1) DEMI CHEF
Qualifications: Minimum of 4 years work experience as a Demi-Chef preferably in a hotel. Comprehensive knowledge of kitchen hygiene practices and occupational health and safety standards is essential. Supervise and Coordinates activities of kitchen operation and personnel.

Position: (9) WAITER/WAITRESS
Qualifications: High School graduate or equivalent with minimum 2 years work experience preferably in hotel operations. Good customer service, communications and interpersonal skills are required. Ability to work a variable schedule on occasion, including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Position: (2) F&B SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Strong customer service skills and people oriented. Must be reliable and self-motivated. Is able to stand for long periods of time and lift up to 25 pounds. Minimum 6 years work experience as F&B supervisor preferably in a hotel. Foreign language skill a plus. Must be able to work a variable schedule on occasion, including early mornings, evenings and/or weekends.

Position: (2) A/C REFRIGERATION MECHANIC / TECHNICIAN
Qualifications: Able to install and repair industrial and commercial refrigeration systems. 3 years previous work experience preferably in a hotel or 5 years work experience in a similar large complex with central plant. Must be a high school graduate or equivalent.

Position: (4) LANDSCAPING WORKER / GARDENER
Qualifications: Basic knowledge of Horticulture. Must be able to work outdoors exposed to all weather conditions. 2 years previous work experience. Must be a high school graduate or equivalent.

Position: (1) PAINTER
Qualifications: Minimum 2 years work experience as Handyman preferably in a hotel or in a similar large building complex with central plant. Ability to move materials weighing up to 50 pounds with or without accommodation. High school graduate or equivalent.

Position: (4) ELECTRICIANS
Qualifications: Able to service, repair, calibrate, regulate, fine-tune or test machines, devices and equipment that operate primarily on electrical or electronic principles. Must to work in a flexible way that allows for changes in assignments and priorities depending upon identified needs of the department. Minimum 5 years work experience required.
High school graduate or equivalent.

Position: (5) HOUSEKEEPER
Qualifications: Minimum 2 years work experience preferably in a hotel. Must be able to speak and write in English. Ability to speak basic foreign language is a plus. Good customer service skills are essential. High school graduate or equivalent.

Position: (4) HOUSEKEEPING SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Minimum 4 years work experience preferably in a hotel. Must have good command of the English language both oral and written. Ability to speak basic foreign language is a plus. Ability to set priorities in a complex environment is essential. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications.

Position: (3) GENERAL MAINTENANCE WORKER / REPAIRER
Qualifications: Minimum 2 years work experience as a Handyman preferably in a hotel or in a similar large building or complex with central plant. Willingness to work outside (if necessary) in inclement weather. Must be able to carry and lift heavy objects. Possession of a valid driver's license is essential.

Position: (1) TAILOR
Qualifications: Minimum of 3 years work experience as a tailor preferably in a hotel. Must be able to think creatively. Is able to design, make draperies, repair or fit garments. Must have an interest in fashion, color and style. Must have ability to work quickly, accurately and independently in a fast-paced environment. Able to work a variable schedule on occasion including weekends.

Position: (1) GUEST RELATIONS SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Minimum 2 years work experience in customer service. Minimum 2 years work experience as a supervisor. Must be able to work weekends and nights including holidays. Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing to employees and guests. Requires frequent walking, and lifting. Ability to speak a foreign language will be a plus. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications and Fidelio system.

Position: (1) ROOMS RESERVATION SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Minimum 2 years work experience in customer service and 2 years work experience as a supervisor. Must be fluent in English. Strong oral and written communication skills are essential. Must have computer literacy. Ability to work weekends and nights including holidays. Ability to speak a foreign language will be a plus. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications and Fidelio System.

Position: (2) SALES ASSOCIATE
Qualifications: 2 years work experience in cashiering and previous retail experience preferred. Able to perform duties with minimal supervision. Must be able to work irregular hours, such as shifts, holidays and weekends. Requires standing and frequent walking while on duty. Basic foreign language speaking skill is preferred. Ability to speak two basic foreign language is an asset.

Position: (6) GUEST SERVICES AGENT
Qualifications: 2 years work experience in providing quality customer service, preferably in hotel operations. Guest Services Agent is responsible for providing guests fast, friendly and efficient service. Must have knowledge in Microsoft Office applications and Fidelio system. Must have outstanding ability to perform several tasks at once. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including weekends, nights and holidays. Foreign language speaking skill is highly preferred.

Position: (1) IT TECHNICAL SUPPORT MANAGER
Qualifications: College graduate with a bachelor's degree in computer course and at least 3 years work experience. Must have strong background on all IT hardware, software and communication business requirements. Strong communication and interpersonal skills necessary. Management skills and familiarity with hotel business solutions software are essential. Systems analysis and programming is a must. Prior work experience in the hotel industry is preferred. Must be able to work a variable schedule on occasion, including early morning, evenings and/or weekends including holidays.

Position: (1) GENERAL ACCOUNTANT SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Responsible for the preparation of monthly financial statements, related accounting reports and for the supervision of general accounting section. Supervises closing of books at month end. Assists the accounting manager in the preparation of financial reports and forecasts and all other related areas. Minimum of 3 years progressive experience in general ledger operations. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications and other software. Must be able to work a flexible schedule on occasion including weekends.

Position: (1) INCOME AUDITOR SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Generally responsible for ensuring the prompt and accurate posting of daily revenue operation results. Minimum of 5 years progressive experience in night audit/income audit operations, preferably in a hotel. Must be able work evenings including weekends and holidays. Microsoft Office applications and other software are essential. Good communication and interpersonal skills are necessary. Must be able to work under pressure. Also responsible in handling of company general funds, supervising of employees in the sales associate and must be knowledgeable with purchasing procedures by having alternative means of procuring materials/goods or services based on cost and serviceability. Ability to pay close attention to detail with a high degree of accuracy, adapt to changes in work environment, work assignments and/or changes in priorities. Must also have experience with inventories to include, but not limited to, F&B, Dry Goods and HK cleaning and guest supplies. Willing to work flexible schedule on occasion including weekends.

Position: (1) ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Qualifications: Associate's Degree with a minimum of 5 years experience in providing administrative support services to all Department such as Accounting Office, Engineering Department, Executive Office, Kitchen Department and Human Resources Office. Must be good at written and oral communication. Must be computer literate with experience in HR2 and time logging system programs including Excel, Power Point, Words, etc. and HR functions. Must be able to consistently demonstrate good customer service and interpersonal skills at work. Can work flexible hours. Must be available to work on weekends, holidays and weeknights.

Position: (1) HOTEL RESORT OPERATION MANAGER
Qualifications: College degree graduate with a minimum of 5 years experience in hotel management. Plan, direct or coordinate activities of an organization or department that provides lodging and other accommodations. Also, responsible for developing, establishing and maintaining marketing strategies to meet organizational objectives. Able to work independently. Good organizational and planning skills are essential. Ability to work in remote field office for several months at a time as necessary. Accountable for customer satisfaction and providing high quality service in representing company and also has the ability to speak, read and write in a foreign language preferably in Japanese. Must have knowledge in Front Office Operation, Sales and Marketing strategies, Housekeeping operation and other hotel operations. Also, takes full responsibility of the entire hotel operation in the absence of the General Manager.

Position: (1) LIFEGUARD (PART TIME)
Qualifications: High school graduate with at least a year experience as a lifeguard. Must monitor activities in swimming areas to prevent accidents and provide assistance to swimmers. Cautions swimmers regarding unsafe areas. Rescues swimmers in dangers of drowning and administers first aid. Maintains order in swimming areas. Inspects facilities for cleanliness. May clean and refill swimming pool. May determine chlorine content and pH value of water using water testing kit. May conduct or officiate swimming meets. May give swimming instructions. Other related job as required.

Position: (1) PROGRAM COORDINATOR
Qualifications: College graduate with at least 2 years experience. Must coordinate activities of hotel functions through the reservation packages. Confers with front office staff to verify room rates and promotional packages by analyzing competitive market prices. Must be fluent in English. Strong oral and written communication skills are essential. Must have computer literacy. Ability to work weekends and nights including holidays. Ability to speak a foreign language will be a plus. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications and Fidelio system.

Position: (1) POOL ATTENDANT
Qualifications: High school graduate with at least a year experience as a pool attendant. Must monitor activities in swimming areas to prevent accidents and provide assistance to swimmers. Cautions swimmers regarding unsafe areas. Maintains order in swimming areas. Inspects facilities for cleanliness. May clean and refill swimming pool. May determine chlorine content and pH value of water using water testing kit and must be knowledgeable with the use of chemicals for the pool. Other related job as required.

Position: (1) INCOME AUDITOR
Qualifications: Generally responsible for ensuring the prompt and accurate posting of daily revenue operation results. Minimum of 2 years progressive experience in night audit/income audit operations, preferably in a hotel. Must be able work evenings including weekends and holidays. Microsoft Office applications and other software are essential. Good communication and interpersonal skills are necessary. Must be able to work under pressure.

Position: (2) ENGINEERING SUPERVISOR
Qualifications: Able to supervise and coordinate the activities of mechanics, installers and repairers. Good judgment, decision making skills, and time management skills. Minimum 6 years work experience required preferably in a hotel or 8 years work experience in a similar large complex with central plant. Must be able to work under pressure and meet deadlines including trouble shooting.

Applications can be obtained at the Security Office at the Hotel's Backside.
To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than November 01, 2011.
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REFRIGERATION MECHANIC (2)
Qualifications: High School Graduate or graduate of vocational training. Minimum 8 yrs experience working with a cold storage facility. Must be able to install and repair industrial and commercial refrigerating systems. Must be able to install and repair office and vehicle air conditioning. Must be EPA certified technician type universal.

FLEET MECHANIC (2)
Qualifications: High school graduate or graduate of vocational training. Minimum 7 yrs experience in maintenance, problem diagnosis, repair, and overhaul of light trucks as well as automobiles, vans and forklifts. Must have mechanical knowledge of gas and diesel engine including overhauling. Must be knowledgeable about safety standards. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's license. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's medical fitness certificate.

AUTO BODY REPAIRER (1)
Qualifications: Minimum 4 years experience in auto and truck body repair. Must be knowledgeable in using power tools and welding machines.

PROGRAMMER ANALYST (1)
Qualifications: Minimum 5 years experience in Computer programming, networking, CCTV system. Knowledgeable in troubleshooting of hardware and software system, and data files security measures. Must be proficient in Windows, Citrix, Foxpro, and WIS software. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's License.

SALES REPRESENTATIVE (5)
Qualifications: High school graduate or an Associate degree holder. Minimum 5 yrs experience in wholesale sales of frozen, chilled and dry food items. Must have good oral and written communication skills. Must have good interpersonal skills. Extensive contacts in various businesses and industries are an advantage. Proficiency in Chinese and Korean language a plus. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's license.

SALES SUPERVISOR (1)
Qualifications: Associate's Degree in Business, Sales or Marketing. Minimum 8 yrs experience in wholesale & distribution of frozen, chill & dry food items. Extensive product knowledge of frozen food items and fresh produce items required. Must have extensive contact in various industries. Must have good oral and written communication skills. Must have good interpersonal skills. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's License.

ACCOUNTING ASSOCIATE (6)
Qualifications: Associate's Degree. Minimum 4 years work-related experience in general accounting in a wholesale company. Must have extensive knowledge and experience in receivables, payables, shipments documentation, inventory control, costing, billing, and invoicing Must be proficient in MS Word, Excel, and WIS Software. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's License.

ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT, INVENTORY (1)
Qualifications: Associate's Degree in Business or Accounting. Minimum 4 years work-related experience in inventory management and control. Knowledge of and experience in handling frozen food items. Must know USDA inspection rules. Must be proficient in MS Word, Excel and WIS Software. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's License.

ACCOUNTANT (1)
Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Accounting. Minimum 8 years work-related experience in general accounting in the wholesale industry. Must be able to prepare and maintain G/L, financial statements and reports. Must be able to prepare payroll and monthly, quarterly and annual tax returns. Must know CNMI & Federal tax rules. Must be proficient in MS Word and Excel, WIS Software. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's License.

WAREHOUSE WORKER (8)
Qualifications: High school graduate a plus. Minimum 3 yrs experience working in a Cold Storage warehouse (10F). Must have valid Food Handler's certificate. Must posses a valid forklift operator certificate. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's license and a clean traffic history. Must have product and handling knowledge of frozen, chilled, and dry food items. Must be able to do strenuous work such as unloading container vans, stacking, lifting, carrying, and moving heavy items. Must be able to lift and move 50 lbs frequently and up to 80 lbs occasionally.

WAREHOUSE SUPERVISOR (2)
Qualifications: High school graduate. Minimum 7 yrs experience working in a Cold Storage warehouse (10F). Must have extensive product and handling knowledge of frozen, chilled, and dry food items. Must have valid Food Handler's certificate. Must possess a valid forklift operator certificate. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's License.

DELIVERY DRIVER (9)
Qualifications: High School graduate. Minimum 3 years experience as a wholesale delivery driver delivering frozen, chilled and dry-goods products. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's license and a clean traffic history. Must have a valid CNMI Drivers' fitness medical certificate. Must have a valid Food Handler's certificate. Proficient in driving right-hand drive trucks.

MAINTENANCE REPAIRER (4)
Qualifications: High school graduate or graduate of vocational training. Minimum 5 years experience in maintenance and repair of buildings (carpentry, electrical, plumbing, masonry, mechanical, etc.), equipments and machineries. Must have a valid CNMI Driver's License.

HOUSEKEEPER, COMMERCIAL and RESIDENTIAL (1)
Qualifications: Minimum 5 years experience. Must be able to clean office and residence efficiently. Must be to monitor daily medications, prepare meals and do laundry for senior citizen. Dependable attendance, hardworking and follows directions well. Honest and trustworthy. Must be able to work early mornings, late nights and weekends. Current police and court clearance required.

All positions close on October 31, 2011

Interested applicants must fill up application forms at:
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Texas Rangers to lean on Lewis' arm for Game 6

ST. LOUIS (AP) -- It's already been a productive postseason for Colby Lewis. Next up, a shot at the biggest prize yet.

In Game 6 of the World Series on Wednesday night, Lewis gets the first chance to pitch the Texas Rangers to their first title. No doubt while pitching oh-so-carefully against Albert Pujols and the St. Louis Cardinals, he'll be leaning on past October triumphs.

"Well, you definitely think when you're in a kid, you want to be in this position, be on this stage," Lewis said. "I think just being in the situation that we were last year throughout the playoffs gives you more of an edge, more relaxation. That's for sure."

Jaime Garcia is back home where he's most comfortable, and the wild-card Cardinals are back in a familiar win-or-go-home mode, heading into a mound rematch from Game 2.

Three of Garcia's four postseason starts have been at Busch Stadium and the 25-year-old lefty has a 1.93 ERA at home. He outpitched Lewis in the first matchup with seven innings of scoreless, three-hit ball before the bullpen failed in a 2-1 loss.

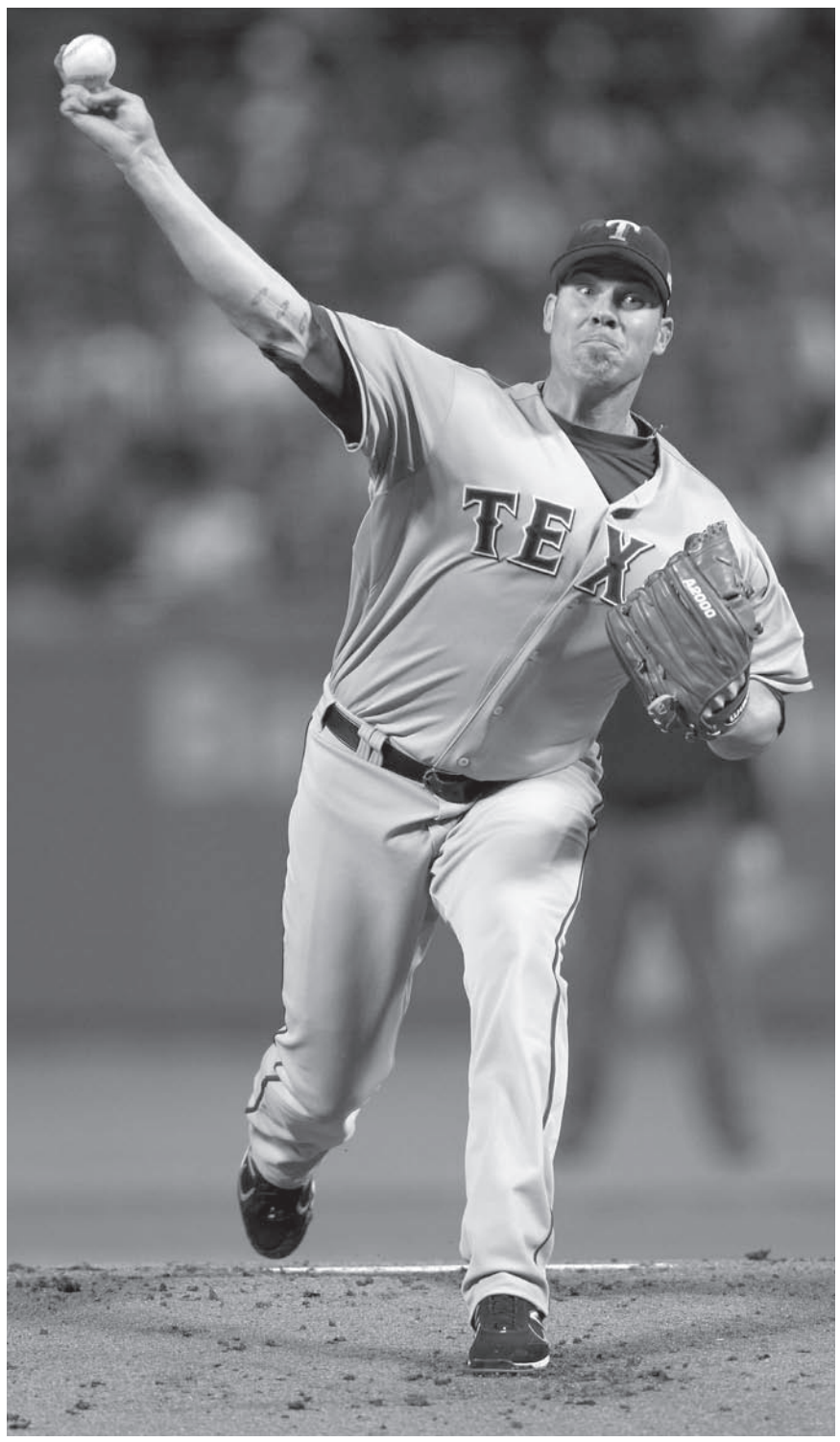
Garcia was in top form in Game 2 with seven strikeouts and one walk.

"It's been the same for me the last two months basically, and I'm still going to try to do the same thing. Don't change anything, don't try to do too much because this is the World Series. That's kind of how I feel," he said.

Lewis beat the New York Yankees in the clinching Game 6 in the AL championship series last year. He doesn't mind being on the road, getting nine of his 14 wins with a 3.43 ERA, and has been stingy all postseason with a 2.95 ERA.

Facing Lewis in Game 2, the Cardinals were limited to one run on four hits with one extra-base hit in 6 1-3 innings. Manager Ron Washington expects to see the same pitcher again, and is confident there'll be zero stage fright.

"He totally believes in what he's trying to do out there," Washington said. "He never gets away from what he does best. Colby never doubts what he's capable of doing, and I think that's what makes him apart from some guys at this stage."



AP

Texas Rangers starting pitcher Colby Lewis throws during the first inning of Game 2 of baseball's World Series against the St. Louis Cardinals Thursday, Oct. 20, 2011, in St. Louis.

Garcia had plenty of must-win starts in September, steeling him for the postseason. The Cardinals overtook the faltering Braves on the final day of the season and Garcia was a key contributor, going 3-0 the final month.

He doesn't plan on changing much from his Game 2 start.

"It doesn't matter which team, which lineup, what part of the season it is," Garcia said. "It's just going out there and worrying about the little things that you can control."

The bigger question in La Russa's mind is what to expect from the lineup. The Cardinals were 1 for 12 with runners in scoring position in their 4-2 loss in Game 5 loss Monday night at Texas.

"Our confidence is very good that he's going to pitch well," manager Tony La Russa said. "And we're challenging our bats to do more."

La Russa twice declined discussing a potential Game 7 starter, although ace Chris Carpenter volunteered for duty on two days' rest. Carpenter, who allowed two runs in seven innings in Game 5, played catch Tuesday and said he felt fine.

"I think everybody's available for the rest of the year, don't you?" Carpenter said to reporters. "Whatever (La Russa) needs."

Kyle Lohse would be on regular rest but has struggled in the postseason. Edwin Jackson allowed three runs in 5 1-3 innings, throwing 109 pitches in Game 3. Fifth starter Jake Westbrook is a fringe option, having worked just one inning in the postseason.

"There isn't any part of me that doesn't want to have a Game 7," La Russa said. "But every other part of me says let's think about Game 6 first."

Matt Harrison, who lasted just 3 2-3 innings in the Cardinals' 16-7 blowout in Game 3, would be on turn to start Game 7 for the Rangers.

"We have two games to do it, we've got to play .500 ball," Lewis said. "But we definitely want to get it done as soon as possible, that's for sure."

Washington said he's tired of getting asked about pitchers being fatigued. Though the Rangers have two games to do it, there'll be no holding back.

"Every single person that's still playing baseball right now is tired," Washington said. "So that's no excuse."

Epstein joins Chicago Cubs

CHICAGO (AP)—Theo Epstein knew it was time to move on, even though it meant leaving the team he loved. After nearly a decade as general manager in Boston where he won two World Series titles, Epstein decided change would be a good thing.

"After 10 years, no matter how passionate you are, you see the same issues, day after day and you are around the same people day after day," Epstein said. "You are around the same landscape day after day for 10 years and eventually you will benefit from a new landscape and fresh problems."

Fresh problems? There are plenty of those in Chicago.

Epstein was introduced as the new president of baseball operations for the Cubs on Tuesday, going from one team that ended its long championship drought while he was at the helm to one desperately searching for a title after more than a century of futility and frustration.

"I think it's equally as big a challenge," Epstein said Tuesday.

There is so much work to do, from building a strong minor league system and sharp scouting to putting together an evaluation system that is on the cutting edge. All while trying to win with moves that make sense.

"I didn't use the world rebuilding and I wouldn't. I think that is just a buzzword in baseball that leads people down the wrong path," Epstein said.

"The best way I can describe it is there are parallel fronts - the job of building the scouting and player development foundation that is going to serve well for the long haul and treating every opportunity to win as sacred."

The 37-year-old Epstein left the Red Sox with a year left on his contract as general manager. The teams made the announcement Friday night, but held off on the news conference until Tuesday, a travel day for the World Series.

Epstein got a five-year deal worth a reported $18.5 million. The Cubs and Red Sox still have to hash out compensation for Epstein and a Major League Baseball spokesman confirmed that Commissioner Bud Selig has set a Nov. 1 deadline or else he will mediate the issue.

Phone foulup leaves Cards on World Series brink

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Bobby Valentine thought about the bizarre events he had seen in Game 5 of the World Series, when 19th-century technology fouled up Tony La Russa and the St. Louis Cardinals.

"It's kind of stupid, isn't it?" said Valentine, who's managed more than 2,000 major league ballgames.

In the age of email, texting, iChat and Skype, baseball remains tied to the traditions established in the Civil War era of flannel uniforms. La Russa conveyed his decisions to the bullpen with a device born the same year as the National League: the telephone.

And when the instructions didn't get through to bullpen coach Derek Lilliquist - twice! - baseball lore was made with the Cardinals' 4-2 loss to the Texas Rangers on Monday night, a game that will be forever known as the "Phone Foulup."

Now St. Louis is trailing 3-2 in the Series and must win two in a row for the title.

"It's amazing," said baseball historian Keith Olbermann, a commentator on Current TV. "With all this technology here, they can't get a phone call completed from one part of the building to another part of the building? You go to an Apple store, the communications device the salesman is carrying is capable of launching a nuclear device. It's mind-boggling."

For all the high-tech scoreboards in each ballpark and computers in each clubhouse that track every pitch, decisions on which relievers to warm up are passed along on Alexander Graham Bell's invention of 1876. While there were 328 million wireless devices in the U.S. as of June, according to CTIA-The Wireless Association, baseball sticks with land lines, of which there are 114 million.

And because of that, the World Series rings fans were talking about Tuesday had nothing to do with the shiny ones on players' fingers, but rather the old-fashioned-sounding bells that sound off on bullpen phones.

After the game, with Rangers Ballpark nearly empty, the bullpen phone 400 or so feet away could be heard ringing when the narrow black handset with the gray pushbuttons was picked up in the visitors dugout on the third-base side. But with a crowd of 51,459 a few hours earlier, an unbelievable meltdown occurred.

With the score 2-all, right-hander Octavio Dotel replaced Chris Carpenter to start the eighth inning and Michael Young doubled. Adrian Beltre struck out and Nelson Cruz was intentionally walked.

La Russa said he had told Lilliquist to have the left-hander Marc Rzepczynski and right-hander Jason Motte warm up, but Lilliquist only heard "Rzepczynski" - La Russa now thinks Lilliquist may have hung up after hearing the first name.

Going by the numbers (lefties hit .163 off Rzepczynski during the regular season and righties batted .275), La Russa brought in Rzepczynski to face lefty David Murphy.

Murphy hit a comebacker that could have become an inning-ending double play, but instead deflected off the reliever's bare hand for an infield single that loaded the bases and caused La Russa's head to snap back in shock. Then La Russa noticed that Motte was not warming up, and he called the bullpen again to have his closer start throwing. But Lilliquist said he thought he heard "Lynn," for right-hander Lance Lynn, who was supposed to be resting after throwing 47 pitches in Game 3.

With Motte (.162 vs. righties and .270 vs. lefties) still not warming up, La Russa left Rzepczynski in to face Mike Napoli, who sent a slider into the right-center gap for a two-run double.

Puzzled Cardinals fans Tuesday might have been thinking of the famous line from "Cool Hand Luke" - "What we've got here is a failure to communicate."

"I said, man, this is stuff that I hope happens on a Wednesday game on the road someplace that nobody is there. Then of course it wouldn't have happened that way," La Russa recalled. "The phones are preventable. It's my fault for not handling it better and making sure. All I had to do was look in the bullpen - repeat - to make sure."

Managers are obsessive about their dugout phones, checking them before every game to make sure they're operational. The problem in Rangers Ballpark is you can't see the visiting bullpen from the third-base dugout. Cleveland and Toronto already have screens for the managers to monitor the pens.

NBA: Union, not Cuban, proposed eliminating cap

NEW YORK (AP)— The NBA players' association, not Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban, proposed the elimination of the salary cap during negotiations aimed at ending months of labor strife, a league official said Tuesday.

NBA senior vice president Mike Bass said union executive director Billy Hunter made "several misstatements" during an hour-long podcast with ESPN.com on Monday. Among them was the revelation of the salary cap plan, which Bass said was actually an exception to the cap, not the elimination of it.

Hunter said that, during a meeting last week, Cuban proposed what he called a "game changer" - a plan to replace the salary cap with a heavy tax for teams that spent to a certain level. Hunter said the players were interested in discussing it further and that two or three other owners in the room were really excited about it, but then were told by the owners they wouldn't pursue it.

"On behalf of the league, Mark Cuban proposed adding a new salary cap exception, not eliminating the salary cap," Bass said. "It was the union that, in response, proposed eliminating the salary cap, a proposal that was even worse for the NBA than the union's prior proposals."

Hunter speculated during the podcast that owners backed away from the idea of eliminating the salary cap because it had been implemented under Commissioner David Stern long ago.

AP

Oklahoma City Thunder forward Kevin Durant, left, and Miami Heat forward LeBron James warm up before an NBA charity basketball invitational game, in Oklahoma City, Sunday, Oct. 23, 2011. The game was the latest in a series of exhibition games across the country as NBA players stay in the spotlight while locked out by the league.

"And so I don't know whether there's any pushback because of that," Hunter said. "But we were prepared to pursue that whole idea of going into a different direction, where we would be able to, wouldn't have to worry about a cap. So the exceptions, salaries, all of that would be, there would be no limit with the exception of there being obviously a cap at the top, i.e., a quite heavy tax that teams would have to confront if they went above a certain number.

"But what happened was the owners decided, at least the leaders of their delegation, decided they had to take it back in a different direction. They said we don't want to address that."

The NBA does not allow owners to comment on the negotiations. A person briefed on the content of the meetings said Cuban's actual proposal was much different than what Hunter suggested, and was surprised the union ignored it given that it would have met much of what players were seeking.

The sides met for three days with a federal mediator before talks broke down after players said owners insisted they commit to a 50-50 split of revenues before any further discussions about the salary cap system could continue. Though staffs from the sides have met since, no full bargaining sessions have been held and the NBA is expected to announce soon that more games will be canceled.

Union officials were angry with the league's characterization of the breakdown of the talks Thursday. Now the league is unhappy with Hunter's portrayal of the negotiations, such as when he mentioned items like a hard salary cap and salary rollbacks that owners are no longer proposing.

"In his podcast interview with Bill Simmons, Billy Hunter makes several misstatements and blatantly mischaracterizes the parties' negotiations, the financial benefit to players from the NBA's latest offer, and the benefits from the system changes the NBA has proposed to improve team competitiveness," Bass said.

Bass also said the union has proposed a 10-year collective bargaining agreement, with mutual opt-outs after years six and eight. Owners have been seeking a 10-year deal, but the union has repeatedly said it doesn't want to go longer than six years.

The union would like players to get out from the rookie salary scale quicker than five years, with Hunter mentioning MVP Derrick Rose and Rookie of the Year Blake Griffin on the podcast as players who are underpaid because they are still locked into their scale figures.

"In response to the union's suggestion that top-performing rookies have an opportunity to get higher pay, we have proposed a new bonus pool for rookie scale players who earn designated league honors like MVP and All-NBA first, second, or third teams," Bass said. "Billy fails to mention this."

However, union spokesman Dan Wasserman said the league has never presented a dollar figure that would go with the bonus pool.

Bass also disputed Hunter's notion that the owners are seeking a more favorable CBA because many of them lost money in their other businesses as a result of the economic downtown.

"The owners reasonably believe they should have the opportunity to make a profit in a business that annually generates over $4 billion in revenue and pays the players over $2 billion," Bass said. "It has nothing whatsoever to do with making up for losses in other businesses."

IndyCar CEO Bernard revisits 'horrific' week

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) -- Randy Bernard knows there are people who blame him for Dan Wheldon's death, who say the IndyCar CEO pushed the series over the edge.

In the 24 hours after the two-time Indianapolis 500 winner was killed in a fiery 15-car accident in the season finale, Bernard wondered if perhaps all the hate mail accusing him of sacrificing safety for the show was right.

"The last week was probably the most horrific week of my life," Bernard told The Associated Press in an exclusive interview.

It's been open season on Bernard since the accident, and his silence all last week only intensified the scrutiny on his leadership of the open-wheel series.

Now, nine days later, Bernard is able to publicly talk about Wheldon and the day all his work toward building a spectacular finale went terribly wrong minutes into the race. He still becomes emotional about it, taking a deep breath in his office at IndyCar headquarters as he recalls the controversial decision to cancel the race.

Bernard is focused on moving forward and helping IndyCar through this dark period. He says he never once considered resigning but admits IndyCar is now "in crisis, and we have to get answers."

"In tough times, that's when you have to be focused," Bernard said. "You have to lead, and I know this is a time I have to make sure I am going to be very decisive, very articulate and be a leader. In tough times is where you build your character; it's not in good times."

The second-year CEO was hired to revitalize the series despite no auto racing experience, and that's contributing to blaming Bernard for creating the circumstances that led to Wheldon's death.

He allowed a season-high 34 cars on a high-banked oval, where a field of mixed experience levels had enough room to race three-wide at over 220 mph around Las Vegas Motor Speedway. And he offered a jobless Wheldon the chance to earn a $5 million bonus if he could drive from the back of the field to Victory Lane.

All those elements created a buzz around the race, where Dario Franchitti and Will Power would end their championship battle and superstar Danica Patrick would run her final event as a full-time IndyCar driver. It was everything Bernard had been hired to do when IndyCar lured him away after running Professional Bull Riders for 15 years. He was so confident of improving on the poor TV ratings from the year before that he promised to resign if ABC's broadcast drew anything less than a 0.8 rating. That would have meant that fewer than 1 percent of the nation's homes with televisions watched the race.

Bernard insists he did not sensationalize the inherent danger in auto racing.

"I think anytime we are on any track it's always dangerous - we do as much as we can to make it safe - (and) our storylines were never, 'Come watch this dangerous event!'" he said.

"Our storylines going to Las Vegas were first and foremost 'Come watch Will and Dario fight it out for the world championship.' The No. 2 storyline was Dan Wheldon competing for $5 million starting at the back. Our third storyline was Danica Patrick. ... Our fourth storyline was 34 cars in the race.

"I think none of those, looking back on it, had any type of connotation of any danger. If the race was tomorrow, it would still be the same storylines."

Compelling competition, yes, but with a happy ending.

IndyCar now must look at making sweeping changes. And Bernard is prepared, even eager, to do that.

He called a three-hour driver meeting Monday, and Franchitti, a four-time champion, said there was no sense of anger toward Bernard as the drivers all had a chance to speak. Franchitti also said the CEO earned an immeasurable amount of respect by canceling the race after Wheldon's death when grief-stricken drivers were unable to decide if the show - per tradition - should go on.

Bernard, with such limited auto racing experience, wasn't tied to that etiquette. Instead, he went with his gut.

"I felt that I didn't really care about tradition on this," he said, becoming emotional for the only time in the hour-long interview. "I felt like no driver in their right mind could have a clear head knowing that one of their friends had just died, and I felt this is where I needed to make a stand and say 'No.'"

Bills Merriman done for season

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP)— The lights have been turned off on Buffalo Bills linebacker Shawne Merriman's season.

Merriman, who earned the nickname "Lights Out" when he was one of the NFL's most feared players, was placed on season-ending injured reserve on Tuesday because of a right Achilles' tendon injury. It's the same injury that forced the Bills to place him on IR last November after they signed him as a free agent following his release from the San Diego Chargers.

"Shawne has worked extremely hard, but unfortunately his Achilles flared back up and it doesn't appear that he will be able to return to the field anytime soon," Bills general manager Buddy Nix said in a statement released by the team Tuesday. "We felt it was in the best interest of our team and for Shawne to put him on IR."

After being bothered by a nagging shoulder injury for the past month, Merriman's Achilles suddenly became a problem on the Thursday before the Bills' 27-24 loss to the New York Giants. Merriman missed that game, but he expressed confidence that he'd be able to return and not miss any significant time when the Bills came back from the bye.

"I'm expecting it to hold up well and bounce back and do what I need to do," the 27-year-old told the Associated Press last week. "I'm feeling a lot better than I did a week ago as of right now. It's going to be a work in progress. Personally for me, it's about peaking at the right time, and this bye week has been perfect for me."

But the Achilles didn't make as much progress as the Bills had hoped, and it's left them with a severe dent in a pass rush that's generated only four sacks this season. Coach Chan Gailey and several players spoke last week about the need to pressure the quarterback to take the heat off Buffalo's defensive backfield, which has allowed 300-plus yards passing three times already this season.

Junior golfer tops RGA 2-man scramble

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Junior golfer Lawrence Camacho, Jr. tamed the Marianas Country Club course to rule the 2011 Refaluwasch Golf Association 2-man Scramble Tournament last Sunday.

Camacho shot a 2-under par 34 on the front nine and played even better on the back with a 4-under par 32 for a 6-over par 66. Deducting his 10 handicap, the junior golfer carded the tournament best net score of 56.

Camacho won the competition against five pairs. He went solo in the 2-man scramble tournament as only 11 players showed up for the event at MCC. Despite going on his own, Camacho still played two balls and had an impressive performance at the 72-hole course with his eagle on the hole No. 15 and birdies on No. 12 and 13.

Actually, Camacho tied Mr. Kim and Han for the lowest net score, but the two Koreans were only guest players and were disqualified from winning the RGA-sanctioned event. The guests, who had a 14 handicap, were consistent with their games at MCC, firing 35s on both nines for a gross 70.

Coming in at second place behind Camacho was the pair of Joe Saures and Ulysis Kapileo, who combined for a net 63. The duo had an 11 handicap and tallied 37 on both nines for a gross 74.

The teams of Nick Guerrero and Jess Wabol and Tom Tebuteb and Dwaine Stephens recorded identical net scores of 63.5. Guerrero and Wabol shared a 10.5 handicap and drilled a 36 and 38 on the front and back nines, respectively, for a gross 74. Tebuteb and Stephens, who held a 16.5 handicap, scored a gross 80 off a 41 on the front and 39 on the back.

Tars Olopai and Manny Mangarero completed the field and tallied a net 66. The duo combined for six handicap and carded a gross 72 after making a 34 and 38 on the front and back nines, respectively. Olopai also had a closest to the pin shot on No. 6, while Stephens had the same feat on No. 10, 11, and 12.

Meanwhile, RGA will have both its November Ace Tournament and December qualifier on Nov. 6 at Coral Ocean Point. Next up will be the RGA Club Championship on Dec. 11 and then the Family Fun Day on Dec. 18. Venues for the last two events will be announced later

For more information about RGA tournaments, contact Olopai at 483-5508, Tony Rogolifoi at 288-3515, and Wabol at 288-1129.

DLX basketball tournament starts next month

Domino Lux International Fraternity will be having its inaugural competition dubbed as the 2011 Basketball Invitational Friendship Tournament.

The basketball tournament will kick off on Nov. 19 with games to be played at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Slots for the inaugural event are limited and only the first 16 teams to register and pay the $375 entrance fee will be allowed to join. A cash prize awaits the tournament champion.

Representatives of interested teams are requested to attend a meeting tomorrow at 6pm at the Gualo Rai court. Rules, game schedules, and other details of the competition will be discussed at the meeting.

For more information about the DLX Basketball Invitational Friendship Tournament, contact Jojo Garon at 483-2939 or Jeff Garcia at 898-6257. ***(PR)***

NMIVA clinic moved to Hyatt

The Northern Mariana Islands Volleyball Association has moved this Saturday's free beach volleyball clinic to the Hyatt Regency Saipan sand courts from 8am to 10am.

The temporary adjustment was made to give way to the American Red Cross Annual Club 200 fundraiser scheduled at the Fiesta Resort & Spa on the same day.

After this Saturday, the clinics will return to the Fiesta Resort & Spa sand courts and are scheduled to run through Dec. 18; weather permitting.

All interested players are encouraged to participate, as the clinics are open to the general public. CNMI national team coach Russ Quinn and veteran player Tyce Mister will conduct the clinics. The clinics are open to players ages 10 and above, however, adult supervision is preferred for players under 14.

Learning points include an overview of the basic fundamentals, game strategy, and conditioning.

Participants will also get a chance to see members of the CNMI National Team train, showcasing their skills to help out with the clinics. NMIVA said clinics are a great work out and give families a chance to spend Saturday morning in the sand.

Players must provide their own clothes, water or sports drinks and transportation.

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42 seconds in Maui last Sunday (Monday on Saipan).

Carey was among braved 600 triathletes who finished the off-road race that produced new champions after former winners Conrad Stoltz and Melanie McQuaid gave up.

Fight for life swim

Right at the very start of the grueling race, the 33-year-old triathlete was put to a tough test. No, it was not the expected big waves in the waters of D.T. Fleming Beach. The free-for-all 1.5-kilometer swim with 675 individuals heading to one direction was.

"At the beginning the race was great, as no one had to pull my leg or kick my face. But the fear came at the first buoy. Just imagine 675 people started together and had only one target so everyone rushed to the first buoy. It was not a swim, but a real fight and people began hitting me and I went under the water several times. I felt like I'll be dead so I decided to swim outside where there were not too many people. It made me swim slower, but comfortable and safer," Carey said.

The CNMI triathlete completed the crowded swim leg in 25:24 and was sixth out of the water among 26 women pros.

"When I left Transition 1 for the bike, I felt my stomach started to ache, as I drank lots of water in the swim leg," the 2010 Micronesian Games gold medalist said. "I remembered three years ago I did the same thing, I drank so many water and I threw up on the bike."

Bike race torture

In the 30-km bike, Carey this time did not threw up and the first few meters was a relief as the first part of the course was not that technical. However, the free ride did not last long, as after a few kilometers, Carey had to pedal up as high as 3,000 feet. As if the elevation was not enough punishment, Carey had to go through up-and-down hills several times. The bike course was so unforgivable that even seven-time Tour de France champion was not spared from crashing.

"A lot of bikers passed me and my motivation started to get low. I thought of stopping, but then after thinking about it, I managed to push myself and keep going," said Carey, who finished the bike leg in 1:53:45, the 22nd best time in the women's pro and 41st overall in the women's division.

Agonizing run leg

"After the rough bike, I thought I will have a good run," Carey said.

She was wrong.

Carey was still running along the bike-run transition area when her stomach started cramping. She wanted to walk, but saw a lot of people cheering her on, so she began pushing herself.

The run course was only 10km, but Carey admitted it was the toughest she had ever done.

"It looked like you ran up to Mt. Tapochao five times, that's how hard it was. We had this after biking up to 3,000 feet high, so you could just imagine how tough it was to run uphill again," Carey said.

Carey survived all these challenges and although she was not happy with her time and ranking (16th this year from 13th in the women's pro in 2010), she had no regrets joining the exhausting race. For the CNMI triathlete, XTERRA World will not be the same without these obstables, which she said pushed her to train harder next year.

"This race gave me more motivation for next year. I want to train harder and faster. I want my revenge next year and I will come back to Maui to be on the podium. I know I can do it," said Carey, who thanked IT&E, Brabu Pharmacy, Bike Pro, Hornet Sports in Guam, Salomon, Zoot and Sunnto, Taga, Inc., her Saipan friends, and husband, Kevin, for all their support.

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all, with less than six minutes left in the third quarter before DFS forced GPPC to several turnovers and missed shots and then countered with easy baskets on its frontcourt. Pete Iguel converted a bundle of fastbreak shots and had 15 points in the third quarter alone, while Dan Barcinas and Jack Lizama combined for 16, giving DFS a 69-57 lead.

Before DFS's late third-quarter surge, GPPC managed to take a 38-36 halftime lead behind the 10 points of Randy Mungcal in the second quarter.

Mungcal finished with a season-high 44 points, making 25 of them in the fourth period. However, he was the only GPPC player to score more than three points in the payoff canto, as he single handedly tried to overhaul DFS' lead, but failed.

DFS survived Mungcal's fourth-quarter explosion and still walked away with the double-digit winning margin with Iguel and Quincy Johnson playing steady in the fourth frame and drawing enough support from their teammates. Ten players piled in points for DFS in the final canto, while only five hit the scoreboard for GPPC.

Iguel paced DFS with 28 points, Barcinas chipped in 18, and Jack Lizama and Johnson contributed 17 and 13, respectively. Won Joo Jung was the fifth DFS player to break into double digits with 11 points.

Alex Ocampo drilled 17 for GPPC, but had only two points in the fourth, while Dennis Morales was also limited to one field goal in the final canto and finished with 12.

Fiesta 87, Wushin 73

Fiesta Resort & Spa barged into the win column after two failed attempts, following a 14-point victory over Wushin.

Fiesta led from start to finish, foiling Wushin's repeated comeback bids to hand the latter its second straight loss after an 87-67 debut win over GPPC.

The quartet of Elmer Esdrelon, Ivan Devero, Brandon Talania, and Jawn Joyner finally got their acts together to give Fiesta its first win. Esdrelon scored 23 points, Devero chipped in 19, and Talania and Joyner added 15 for the team's balance offense.

Talania drilled 10 of his total points in the opening canto to lift Fiesta to a 22-11 advantage. The lead was sliced to four at the break, 39-35, as Wushin outgunned Fiesta in the second canto, 24-17.

Wushin remained in contention in the third, 60-64, behind the 11 markers of Jun Tabora. Fiesta leaned on Esdrelon's 12 third-quarter points to retain the lead with a full period to go.

Then in the final canto, Wushin ran out of offensive options, while Devero, Esdrelon, Joyner delivered for Fiesta. No Wushin player scored more than three points in the fourth quarter and the losing team was limited to 13 markers. Fiesta logged 23 with nine coming from Devero and five each from Esdrelon and Joyner.

First Game

Fiesta Resort 87 – Esdrelon 23, Devero 19, Talania 16, Joyner 15, Moises 9, Ong 2, Salazar 2, Berline 1.

Wushin 73 – Tabora 18, Tobias 12, Tibayan 10, Villasan 9, Santos 8, Cosino 8, Patawaran 4, O. Ebuen 1.

Scoring by quarters: 22-11, 39-35, 64-60, 87-73.

Second Game

DFS 104 – Iguel 28, Barcinas 18, Lizama 17, Johnson 13, Jung 11, Sablan 4, Guiab 4, Chavez 3, Marino 2, Rivera 2, Larrioza 2.

GPPC 91 – Mungcal 44, Ocampo 17, Morales 12, Jalandoni 6, A. Tagle 4, Tolentino 2, Siega 2.

Scoring by quarters: 18-15, 36-38, 69-57, 104-91.

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stuffing SIS again to just two points at crunch time.

Ada and Jetley finished with 10 points apiece in the game, while Jewell managed 11 on the short end.

Regular season games in the MISO caging continue today with Saipan Southern High School's Lady Manta Rays taking on the MHS Lady Dolphins in the junior varsity match at 4:30pm. The varsity game between MHS and Southern will be played at 5:30pm.

The MHS varsity team is undefeated in three games for the lead, while Southern is seated second place in the standings with its 2-1 record.

In the junior varsity standings, Southern is unbeaten in two games, while MHS holds an even 1-1 card. Kagman holds a 0-2 slate.

KHS 32 – Ada 10, Jetley 10, Piailug 4, Pelep 4, Kaipat 2, Lara 2.

SIS 23 – Jewell 11, Chun 6, Roberts 4, Frink 2.

Scoring by quarters: 8-4, 12-18, 20-20, 32-23.

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Joyner, Marlon De Dios, Glen Aquino, Elgeanne Mangali, and JR Barrios as players and Norman Del Rosario, Marlon Sison, and Jun Pantaleon as coaching staff members.

"We would like to invite the public and all basketball fans to trick or treat this Halloween weekend at the Garapan court and watch these exciting games. Let's give the visiting US Navy a warm welcome," GBL league director Rey Perez said in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

Perez added that GBL would like to thank the Master Basketball Federation of the NMI, IT&E, and Star Water for making the event possible.

Saturday's opener

The GBL will kick off with eight teams battling for the IT&E Cup. The list includes BlueHaus/Satbahi, Ol'Aces, FGC Construction, R-Rebels, Mobil, Andok's, NMC Proa, and host Konflikt/IT&E Blue.

The champion squad will receive $1,000 cash plus a trophy, while various individual awards and other prizes will also be awarded after the competition. During the opening ceremony, awards will also be presented to the teams with the best muse and uniforms. Two games will be played this Saturday after the 4pm opening.

For more information about GBL, email gbl670@yahoo.com, visit the group's Facebook page listed under Garapan Basketball League or call Perez at 989-8759.

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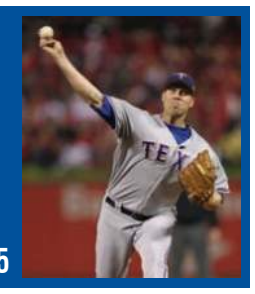

Mieko braves XTERRA World hurdles

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Mieko Carey soldiered on despite having all the reasons to quit in the 2011 XTERRA World Championship in Hawaii.

"There were a lot of times when I thought of stopping and I hated these thoughts, so I tried everything I learned in the past races to make myself feel better and focus back to the race. I look around the beauty around me and try not to think of anything else. But this time it wasn't working for me. I felt my body was not mine, I had no energy, and felt out of shape even if I was not," Carey said in an email to *Saipan Tribune* a day after she completed the back-breaking XTERRA World in three hours, 20 minutes, and

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Mieko Carey finally manages to smile for a photo after completing the exhausting 2011 XTERRA World Championship in Maui, Hawaii last Sunday.

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GPPC players watch DFS' Won Joo Jung goes for an uncontested shot during the second game in the Shirley's caging last Tuesday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

DFS Galleria on a roll

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DFS Galleria stretched its winning streak to three after downing GPPC, Inc., 104-91, during the second game in the 3rd Annual Shirley's Coffee Shop Invitational Basketball League last Tuesday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

DFS with its 3-0 record now shares the top spot in the 10-team field with Mobil, while GPPC is at the middle of the pack with its 1-2 slate.

GPPC gave DFS a good fight in the first half and until midway in the third before the latter pushed up the tempo of the game and pulled away off several fastbreak layups.

The match was tied last at 48-

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Lady Ayuyus get revenge over SIS

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Kagman High School's Lady Ayuyus avenged their first round loss to Saipan International School after recording a 32-23 win in their second meeting in the 2011-2012 Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization Girls Basketball League last Tuesday at the the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

Third time was a charm for the Ayuyus, who finally broke into the win column after a 0-2 start, while SIS dropped two matches in a row since its victory in the opening day.

Kagman's Anna Ada and Patsy Jetley scored four points apiece in the opening 10 minutes, helping the Lady Ayuyus build an 8-4 lead.

The Lady Geckos battled back in the second quarter and held the Lady Ayuyus to just one basket in that period. Jeanna Bracken, Zoe Jewell, and Amber Roberts teamed up on offense for SIS in the second frame to put their team ahead at halftime, 18-12.

Kagman regrouped defensively after the break and turned the table on SIS in the third quarter, containing its rival to one field goal to force a deadlock, 20-all. On offense, the Lady Ayuyus shared the ball in the third period to recover and keep their hopes alive for their first win.

In the fourth and final canto, Kagman stuck to its defense-oriented game plan,

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Kagman High School's Anna Ada pulls up for a jumper during their varsity game against Saipan International School in the MISO caging last Tuesday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

Fighting Fitz plays in GBL exhibition games

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The opening week of the 2011 Garapan Basketball League IT&E Cup will feature exhibition matches between the visiting Fighting Fitz and two all-star teams on island.

League organizers said that after the opening on Saturday at the Garapan Basketball Court, the Fighting Fitz, composed of crewmembers of navy destroyer, USS Fitzgerald (DDG-62), will be playing against the GBL All-Stars and another selection made up local players this Sunday night.

First up for the Fighting Fitz will be the team composed of Freddie Peliseman, Mike Olaitiman, Kelvin Fitial, Tony, Ed, and Zack Diaz, Peter Camacho, Ponce Rasa, Trevor Ogumoro, Tim Wesley, and Romeo Iginoef. Elias Rangamar will coach the local players with Joe Diaz serving as assistant and James Lee and Jerry Diaz as trainers. Game time is at 7pm.

In the second game, the Fighting Fitz will take on the GBL All-Stars, who have Elmer Esdrelon, Ivan Devero, Bon Tamayo, Wowie Abuel, Jomar Tumaquip, Darwin Barbo, Kae Bernardo, Junar Guiab, Errol Peredo, Jawn

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